

**WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP  
1645 ART SCHOOL ROAD  
CHESTER SPRINGS, PA. 19425**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
May 19, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on May 19, 2008 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Robert Shemonsky, Chairman; Richard Bright, Vice Chairman; Robert Barker, Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor; William Cracas, Supervisor; Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G., Township Manager; Shane Clark, Chief of Police; Harry Miller, Director of Facilities, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 P.M.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. RECOGNITION OF EAGLE SCOUT** – Mr. Shemonsky announced that resident Peter Jacob Musso of Boy Scout Troop 83 has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on April 29, 2008. Peter’s project consisted of building three English Tudor garden benches at St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church in Uwchlan. A certificate of acknowledgement will be sent

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS** – Mr. Shemonsky announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on May 5, 2008 for personnel and legal reasons, and prior to this meeting for legal reasons.

**V. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL** –Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of May 5, 2008 meeting with corrections noted by Mr. Hallman III. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

**VI. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

- A. **Bill Smith** – Mr. Smith asked about the status of the combine that remains at the Clover Mill field. Mr. Cracas recommended the Township Manager to confirm if he has a current lease before further action is decided on.
- B. **Linda Glaum** – asked if the practice field at Pine Creek Park was going to be completed by May 31, 2008. Mrs. Diesinger stated that the Township is in the process of obtaining quotes and the field will be started before May 31, 2008. Mr. Hallman III suggested a “ceremonial shovel ceremony” should be scheduled at the field location.
- C. **Lila Smith** – informed the Board and attending public that she has helped form a group of residents who send goody boxes to service men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. The group is currently seeking names and addresses of active military members, and residents who wish to help. Packages will also be distributed to Coatesville Veterans Hospital. Information will be posted on the Township web site.

## VII. REPORTS

- A. **Art and Culture Committee** – Mr. Matthews summarized the committee’s April 7, 2008 meeting.
  - 1. Mr. Hallman III suggested that the Committee consider having their own web page to post information regarding upcoming events.
  - 2. Mr. Matthews stated that the committee denied the DARC application due to lack of references and conflicts with Historic Yellow Springs calendar of events.
  - 3. A discussion ensued regarding the facilities use costs, fees and signage needed. Mr. Barker stated that the Township Manager should control the event calendar. Ways to improve communication between the committee and Township staff were discussed.
- B. **Building/Zoning Officer** - Mr. Shemonsky read the Building/Zoning Officer’s report for the month of April 2008.
- C. **Communications Committee** – Suzanne Kaplan gave a summary of their recent meeting.
- D. **Emergency management Planning Committee** – Mr. Hallman III stated that Mrs. Matthews is assisting him on seeking volunteers. Mr. Hallman III stated that he attended a quarterly training program held by the county on May 3, 2008 on pre-disaster mitigation in which he is working on a draft resolution for future adoption.
- E. **Financial Review Committee** – Wayne Freese summarized the minutes of their recent meeting.
- F. **Fire and Ambulance Services** – Mr. Shemonsky read the fire and ambulance reports for April 2008.
- G. **Open Space Advisory Committee**- Jim Rowan stated that the Open Space Advisory Committee will hold their first meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
- H. **Police Report** – Chief Clark read the April 2008 police Report. Rob Kocher of Hunt Club Lane requested the police patrol for speeders on Davis Road.
- I. **Planning Commission** – Mr. Miller gave a summary of the recent May 12, 2008 Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Shemonsky announced that the May 22, 2008 Conditional Use Hearing has been cancelled. A future hearing date has not yet been determined.
- J. **Park and Recreation** – Mr. Carreiro gave a summary of the Board’s meeting of April 3, 2008 and May 15, 2008 meetings. Dr. Bright requested that the use of the half practice field be more defined.
- K. **Strategic Planning Committee** – Dale McCullough summarized their recent meeting. Mrs. Diesinger suggested that the committee involve themselves in future updates to the comprehensive plan.
- L. **Treasurer’s Report** – Mr. Shemonsky read the report and reported that the Township Auditor will provide the Township’s yearly audit within the next two weeks. Mr. Hallman III stated that the Engineer fees need to be reviewed.
- M. **Windolph Knoll Master Site Plan Committee** – the Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
- N. **Motion to Receive Reports**- Mr. Barker made a motion to accept the reports. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

## VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. **Sara Rose Academy of the Arts – Theatre Use request**- Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Sara Rose Academy of the Arts to reserve the West Pikeland Township theater July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008 including the agreement to use the meeting room on July 31, August 1,

7, and 8 as outlined in the email of May 16, 2008 as well as prior communications. The Township Manager is to make appropriate arrangements for this event to occur. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

- B. *Village Productions Theatre* - Request was withdrawn.

## IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Bills for Approval*. Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the bills submitted. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Hallman III abstained from Check #1263.
- B. *Request to Mow Fields- Cut bale and haul away* – Mr. Diesinger stated that Kevin Harrop requested the opportunity to cut, bale and haul away hay from the fields at Pine Creek Park. Mr. Barker made a motion to allow the Township Manager to come into an agreement with Kevin Harrop to lease the field for the price of \$1.00 for consideration of the year 2008 farming season. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- C. *Anselma Mill special event permit request*- Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the 2008 Special Event Calendar for the Mill at Anselma as presented in a memorandum dated May 19, 2008. The Township Manager shall be given the duty to assure all things are handled in a correct manner and as recommended by the Building/Zoning Officer. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- D. *Environmental Advisory Committee Ordinance* – Mr. Shemonsky authorized the Township Manager to have the proposed Environmental Advisory Committee Ordinance reviewed by the Township Solicitor. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Rowan requested that the Land Trust also review the proposed Ordinance.
- E. *NALT Bryn Coed Farm Subdivision Plan* – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the 90-day extension for the NALT Bryn Coed Farm Subdivision Plan to September 3, 2008. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- F. *Byers Road Zoning Hearing Decision* –Mr. Shemonsky read the Zoning Hearing Board’s decision of April 16, 2008 upon the consideration of the application of Michael and Denise Riley of a special exception for improvements at 641 Byers Road.
- G. *Township Auction* – Mr. Shemonsky stated that the Township auction will be held on June 11, 2008 at 12:00 Noon in the municipal parking lot. Mr. Hallman III submitted a list of township equipment to be disposed of by auction. Mr. Cracas requested that the staff review the list and submit their comments. A discussion ensued regarding the contents of the list. Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the list submitted for auction. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with Mr. Hallman III, Mr. Barker, Dr. Bright and Mr. Shemonsky voting Aye.
- H. *Diversity Training* – Mr. Hallman III suggested that the Township Manager look into available diversity training for the staff and all Township committees and Boards.
- I. *Upper Uwchlan Regional Planning for EOC* – Mr. Barker announced that Upper Uwchlan Township will hold a Regional EOC planning meeting on May 21, 2008.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. **ACMEC Conditional Use Hearing** – Mr. Shemonsky announced that the ACMEC Conditional Use Hearing scheduled May 22, 2008 has been cancelled.
- B. **Next Board Meeting** – Mr. Shemonsky announced that the Board will meet once per month through September 2008. The next Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on June 16, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

**XI. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

- A. **William White** suggested the Township consider contacting the owner of the former Umble property at Route 113 and 401 as a possible site for a community sign.
- B. **Heather Reiffer** wished to announce the Farmers' Market will open on June 4, 2008 with a ribbon cutting ceremony at 4:00 p.m.
- C. **John Henssler** requested that the Pine Creek Park Master Plan be considered before installing any additional playing fields.
- D. **Rob Kocher** expressed his concern that Kathy Grady was appointed a Park and Recreation Board member and has only attended one meeting. The office will review this matter with the Park and Recreation Chairman.
- E. **Mr. Barker** requested that PennDOT officials inspect the light at the intersection of Routes 401 and 113 for appropriate traffic timing. Mr. Hallman III stated that the Township should contact Chester County Planning Commission regarding long term planning for the intersection.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Barker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,  
Township Secretary