

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES  
August 18, 2008**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on August 18 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; Guy Donatelli, Solicitor; Harry Miller, Director of Facilities, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Mr. Shemonsky announced that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on August 4, 2008 for legal reasons.
- IV. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL** - Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of June 16, 2008 with the addition of noted changes by Mr. Barker under Article VI., Section F. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- V. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**
  - A. Diana Urbanski** wished it noted that although 91% of the respondents of the 2005 West Pikeland Township Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Resources Plan survey stated they wanted passive recreation, it included only 217 people.
  - B. Suzanne Kaplan** requested that the Board consider participating in the East Pikeland Township Regional Police Force Study. Chief Clark stated that he recently attended a similar meeting, and wished it noted that the surrounding police departments already cooperate with grants, support, and equipment. Mr. Barker made a motion to proceed with participating in the East Pikeland Township regional police study. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion, all voted Aye with the exception of Mr. Hallman III.
  - C. Joann Miller** wished to speak on behalf of the children of the Township and asked the Board of Supervisors to do what is in their best interest by constructing a field at Pine Creek Park.
  - D. John Fiorillo** asked the Board not to jeopardize the township's ability to participate in the LYA programs and move forward to construct a field at Pine Creek Park.
  - E. Kathy Hughes** stated that LYA has turned down field locations offered by the Township in the past.
  - F. Paul Hallenbeck** expressed his support of an additional field at Pine Creek Park.
  - G. Attorney George Asimos** stated that his clients, Barbara and Henry Jordon are concerned about what impact additional active recreation will have on Pine Creek Park and would like the Township to consider working with LYA in placing restrictions on further additional active recreation construction at Pine Creek Park.

- H. ***Linda Glaum*** wished it noted that there is only three (3) acres currently used for Active recreation in Pine Creek Park.

**VI. RECESS AND RECONVENE – FOR THE ANSELMA CROSSING**

**CONDITIONAL USE HEARING** – Mr. Cracas made a motion recess the meeting at 8:00 p.m. and to continue at the conclusion of the Anselma Crossing LLC Conditional Use Hearing. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye.

Mr. Shemonsky re-opened the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. ***Update on Finance Subcommittee Report*** - Mr. Joseph Loughran presented a six-month budget review and summary study of West Pikeland Township’s full year forecasted budget results along with the Finance Subcommittee’s opinions and recommendations. Mrs. Diesinger requested the Board to permit her to submit answers to the questions raised by the Finance Committee. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to review and submit comments to the Board regarding inquires set forth by the Finance Committee within the next two weeks. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion carried with all voting Aye. Mrs. Diesinger further announced she reviewed the budget and cut \$113,000.00 in 2008 budgeted items to provide funds for the playing field. This amount will provide funds for the proposed playing field.
- B. ***LYA proposed field*** - Mr. Barker made a motion to proceed with the engineering at Pine Creek Park and install a playing field at location B. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion ensued about the issues generated over the proposed playing fields and the funds needed. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Loughran stated that the current budget violates the Second Class Township Code and the Township cannot spend funds. Mr. Shemonsky requested that the Township Solicitor review this matter and report his findings to the Board.
- C. ***Salt Storage*** - Mrs. Diesinger reported that the Township has been storing winter salt in East Pikeland Township. The salt will need to be removed before September 30, 2008. The Board authorized the Township Manager to review and submit comments for locating the concrete pad for salt storage at the Windolph Knoll property.
- D. ***Pine Creek Park repairs to bridge*** – Sandy Heilman asked when repairs needed will be completed to the entrance bridge. Mrs. Diesinger stated that the Engineers are currently reviewing and including the repairs in the bid specifications and obtaining the necessary permits.
- E. ***Pine Creek Park*** – Gesa Skarloff requested that the Township assure the park is closed each evening properly. Mr. Donatelli will consult with Chief Clark regarding any liability issues or concerns regarding a private resident possibly completing the task each day.
- F. ***No-Smoking Ordinance 2008-05*** – Mrs. Diesinger presented Ordinance 2008-05 prohibiting smoking and the carrying of lighted objects on township owned grounds, vehicles and buildings. Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the ordinance including the fines submitted by Mr. Shemonsky. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- G. ***Park and Recreation Ordinance Changes*** – Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to approve the amendments to Ordinance 98-03 and 99-01 and authorize

advertisements for adoption. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. Mr. Barker made a motion to amend the Ordinances to include permitted bicycle use in all areas of the parks. Mr. Barker's motion did not receive a second. After no further discussion, the original motion was carried with all voting Aye with the exception of Mr. Barker voting Nay.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Bills for Approval** - Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Hallman III abstained from checks 1501, and 1509.
- B. **LYA Fall Schedule** - Jeri presented the 2008 Lionville Youth Association Field Reservation Form dated August 4, 2008. Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the LYA 2008 Fall Reservation and schedule. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- C. **Appointment of Finance Review Committee** - Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to appoint Deborah Putt as a member of the Finance Committee. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- D. **Resignation from Strategic Planning Committee** - Mrs. Diesinger announced that Dale McCullough has resigned as Chairperson of the Strategic Planning Committee. The Board wished to thank Ms. McCullough for her service to the Township.
- E. **Contract Award Horseshoe Trail Bridge Repair** - The following bids were received for repairs to the Horseshoe Trail Road East Bridge:

A. J. Jurich, Inc.	\$109,500.00
EHS, Inc.	\$254,500.00
Bill Anskis Company	\$101,335.00

Mr. Barker made a motion to accept the bid from Bill Anskis Company for repairs to Horseshoe Trail Road East Bridge. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

- F. **Adoption of Non-uniformed Personnel Policy and Benefits Manual** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt the Non-uniformed Personnel Policy and Benefit Manual. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- G. **Uwchlan Ambulance Corps – 2008 Contribution Request** –Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the 2008 Uwchlan Ambulance Corps contribution of \$4,000.00. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- H. **1208 Kimberton Road – Request for Waiver from requirement for SALD agreement** –Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to approve the request for a waiver of the requirement for subdivision and land development as per Attorney Ms. Rossi's letter of July 16, 2008. All remaining issues shall be address to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer's letter of July 11, 2008 and that the applicant agrees to work with the Building/Zoning Officer to address all other concerns during the building permit process. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- I. **Central Westmoreland C.O.G. membership for 2009** – Mr. Hallman III made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-08-20 to provide the Township the ability to purchase vehicles and equipment under the Central Westmoreland C.O.G.

membership program. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion, after no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

- J. **Davis/Conti Subdivision Plan – Extension of time to 12/15/08-** Mr. Barker made a motion to approve a 95-day extension to December 15, 2008 to the Davis/Conti subdivision plan. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- K. **HARB recommendation – HYS certificate of appropriateness for benches and signs** -Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness to Historic Yellow Springs Inc., as per the Historic Architectural Review Board’s recommendations of July 31, 2008 for the installation of a sign at the corner of the Lincoln Building and the placement of six benches throughout the property. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- L. **Land Trust agreement extension** –Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the execution of the West Pikeland Township Land Trust Agreement as per the August 4, 2008 letter from Sean O’Neill for a five-year term to August 18, 2013. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- M. **Bryn Coed Farm – Subdivision Plan** - Mr. Cracas made a motion to reject the Bryn Coed Farm Preliminary/Final Subdivision Plan due to the failure of the applicant to meet the conditions set forth by the West Pikeland Township Board of Supervisors as outlined in Mrs. Diesinger’s letter dated March 19, 2007. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Mr. Cracas recommended the Township Solicitor issue a letter of the denial to the applicant. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- N. **Palmer House** – The following bids were received for the heating and hot water system for the Palmer House:

Service Mark	\$17,662.00
Evin-Moser Service, Inc.	\$21,586.00
Precision Air Heating & Cool.	\$12,615.00

A discussion ensued regarding the bid specifications. Mrs. Diesinger will have the Building/Zoning Officer review and write new specifications.

- O. **Waste Oil at Block Building at Pine Creek Park** – Mrs. Diesinger will obtain more information.
- P. **Historic Yellow Springs grant application for 2009** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Township’s participation in the 2009 PCA local government program by providing a match of the PCA grant up to \$1,500.00 to Chester Springs Studio/HYS to support the arts and to execute the grant application documentation for the PCA pass through grant. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. Mr. Shemonsky suggested that the Arts and Culture Committee review the grant application. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

**IX. REPORTS**

- I. **Arts and Culture Committee** – No report. Mr. Matthews gave a summary of current activities
- J. **Building/Zoning Officer**- Mr. Shemonsky read the Building/Zoning Officer’s report for July 2008.
- K. **Communication Committee** – No report.

- L. **Environmental Advisory Council** – The Board acknowledged that members are needed to start the council.
- M. **Emergency Management Planning Committee** –Mr. Hallman III reported that Mrs. Matthews is seeking a grant for an emergency generator. Mr. Hallman III also reported that he is currently reviewing member’s NIM compliance.
- N. **Financial Review Committee** – No report.
- O. **Fire & Ambulance Services** – Mr. Shemonsky read the fire reports from Kimberton Fire Company, Uwchlan Ambulance Corps, West End Fire/Ambulance Company, and Kimberton Fire Company.
- P. **Historic Architectural Review Board** – The Board acknowledge the Historic Architectural Review Board minutes of their July 29, 2008 meeting.
- Q. **Historic Commission** – The Board acknowledge the Historic Commission’s minutes of July 22, 2008.
- R. **Open Space Advisory Committee** – No Report.
- S. **Police Department** – Chief Shane Clark read the July 2008 Police Report.
- T. **Planning Commission**- Harry Miller gave a summary of the August 11, 2008 meeting of the Planning Commission.
- U. **Park and Recreation Committee** – Joe Carreiro gave a summary of the August 7, 2008 meeting minutes. Mr. Hallman suggested that the committee work on providing bicycling information for the public.
- V. **Strategic Planning Committee** – No report.
- W. **Treasurer’s Report** – Mr. Shemonsky read the Treasurer’s report as of August 18, 2008.
- X. **Windolph Knoll Master Site Plan Committee** –No report. Ms. Bartley reported the committee did not meet in July 2008. Mr. Shemonsky requested that the committee review and comment on the location of the salt storage slab proposed for the Windolph Knoll property.
- Y. **Motion to Receive Reports** –Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the reports. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- I. **ACMEC CU Hearing** –The ACMEC Conditional Use Hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m.
- J. **Star Gazing Party** – Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at Binky Lee Preserve
- K. **Act 537 Plan Presentation** – September date to be decided.
- L. **Next Board Meeting** - Monday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m.
- M. **Community Day** – Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> (rain day – October 19<sup>th</sup>)

**XI. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

- A. **Linda Glaum** stated that she hopes the Board of Supervisors will not have the past Deed Restrictions put back on Pine Creek Park.
- B. **Bill Smith** asked about the status of the combine at Clover Mill Field. Mr. Donatelli stated that the situation is currently in legal status.
- C. **Diana Urbanski** wished it noted that although 91% of the respondents of the 2005 Government Study Commission survey stated they wanted passive recreation, it included only 217 people.

- D. **Ted Roberts** requested a microphone for future meetings. Mr. Roberts also asked if engineering costs for the Open Space properties are paid from Open Space funds. The Board responded that they are paid from Open Space Funds.
- E. **Harold Hallman III**- Mr. Hallman III requested that the Township Manager seek quotes for heating oil for the Cultural Center Building.

**XII. ADJORNMENT** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,  
Township Secretary