

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 16, 2009

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on March 16, 2009 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; Steve Ross, Interim Township Manager; Guy Donatelli, Solicitor; Shane Clark, Chief of Police, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 P.M.
- II. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Shemonsky announced that the Board met in Executive Session on March 8, 2009 for legal reasons and March 16, 2009 prior to this meeting for personnel reasons.
- III. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL:** Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2009 Regular Session. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. Mr. Shemonsky noted that the March 2, 2009 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- IV. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD:** No comments from the attending public.
- V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
 - A. Hearing Land Acquisition – White Property** – Mr. Shemonsky opened the White property Land Acquisition hearing which was deferred from the February 17, 2009 meeting so that the Board of Supervisors could review the Conservation Easement document. Mr. Gacomis of the Open Space Advisory Committee gave an overview of the details of the acquisition and provided the attending public a comment and question time. Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-02-15 approving the expenditure of \$119,700 for the purchase of a conservation easement of the Charles and Elisa White property, 1548 Pikeland Road, Chester Springs, PA, Parcel ID No. 34-1-87.1. pending the completion of the Conservation Easement document. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding the Conservation Easement document not being completed at this time. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
 - B. Hearing Land Acquisition – Tavangar Property** - Mr. Cracas made a motion to defer the Tavangar Land Acquisition Hearing to the

April 6, 2009 meeting. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- C. Facility Use Resolution 2009-03-16 – Mr. Donatelli stated that he has made the necessary amendments to the existing Facility Use Resolution to allow political groups to use the facility. Mr. Barker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-03-16 Facility Use Resolution. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- D. Pine Creek Park Soccer Field Update – Mr. Ross stated that the Carroll Engineering has resolved the issues raised by Chester County Conservation District. A schedule has been completed to obtain bids for construction of the field. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the advertisement of bid specifications for the construction of the soccer field at Pine Creek Park with bid openings to occur on March 30, 2009. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye. Megan King of Saul Ewing stated that she represented Dr. Henry and Mrs. Barbara Jordon. Ms. King stated the plan contains a number of deficiencies and is non-conforming to regulations to assure protection of the environmental features of Pine Creek Park. Mr. Cracas informed Ms. King the plan she was referencing to have been updated. Mr. Donatelli stated that the Township Secretary has responded to Saul Ewing’s request for records and to date, the records have not been picked up from the Township office. Mrs. Matthews also advised Gail Smith of Saul Ewing to obtain a copy of the updated plan from Carroll Engineering on February 23, 2009. To date, the updated plans have not been obtained from Carroll Engineering.
- E. Regional Police Study – Mr. Ross reported that he will attend a meeting at East Vincent Township on April 14, 2009 with all pertinent parties to meet with the Peer Consultant and sign the agreement with DCED to go forward with the study. Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to attend the meeting and execute the agreement with DCED to move forward with the Regional Police Study. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- F. Presentation of Road Maintenance Study – Mr. Ross announced that Allen D. Scott of McCormick Taylor, Inc. could not attend tonight’s meeting due to a personal matter. The presentation will be scheduled for a future meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bills for Approval – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III

abstained from Checks 1958 and 1965. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- B. Easter Egg Hunt – Mr. Barker made a motion to grant approval allowing the Egg Hunt to be held on April 4, 2009 with a rain date of April 5, 2009. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- C. Purchase of Computer Hardware – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$2432.50 to purchase new computer hardware and later amend the budget by cost cutting in the administrative portion of the budget. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- D. Historical Commission Letter – Mr. Shemonsky read a letter dated March 16, 2009 received from Dr. Plater-Zyberk from the Historical Commission requesting the Board approve an engineer study of the potential flood impact at Historic Pine Creek Mill. Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to obtain a quote for engineering services. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- E. Chester County Craft Guild Facility Use Approval – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the application by the Chester County Craft Guild to use the Township Facility May 1-3, 2009. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- F. Davis/Conti Subdivision Extension – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Davis/Conti subdivision application extension to August 31, 2009. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- G. ACMEC Decision – Mr. Shemonsky announced that the Board of Supervisors as held eight hearings and have studied and reviewed the ACMEC Conditional Use Application. Mr. Cracas wished to thank Township Solicitor Guy Donatelli for his counsel. Mr. Shemonsky stated that the Board of Supervisors was consistent with the Zoning Hearing Board Order and Decision and did not have the intention to hinder the applicant to practice their religion. Mr. Barker made a motion to approve the Decision and Order dated March 16, 2009 in regards to the Conditional Use Application of the ADHI Parasakthi Charitable Medical Educational Society of North America. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

VII. REPORTS

- A. Arts and Culture Committee – Mr. Matthews provided the report.

- B. Building/Zoning Officer Report –Mr. Shemonsky gave the report.
- C. Financial Review Committee –Wayne Freese provided a brief report.
- D. Fire and Ambulance –Mr. Shemonsky read the West End and Uwchlan Ambulance, Lionville and Kimberton Fire Company Reports for January 2009.
- E. HARB – No report.
- F. Historic Commission – No report.
- G. Land Trust –Quarterly reports only.
- H. Open Space Advisory Committee – Ted Gacomis was present.
- I. Police Department – Chief Shane Clark read the February 2009 report.
- J. Planning Commission – Sean O’Neill was present.
- K. Park and Recreation – Nancy Bartley was present. John Fiorillo from Miss Betty’s Day Camp requested the 2009 rent be reduced by \$2,000.00 to be used as a scholarship. Mr. Barker requested the Township Manager review the amount of allocations for non-profits appropriated in the 2009 Budget.
- L. Manager’s Report – Mr. Ross gave a summary of the 2009 Manager’s Report. Mr. Ross reported that a donation has been received from Dr. and Mrs. Henry Jordon to the Police Department. Mr. Cracas suggested the Township Solicitor review the donation and make suggestions for legal use of the funds. Mr. Ross also announced that he is seeking articles for a June/July newsletter. Mr. Ross and the Board expressed their appreciation to the snow plow drivers for their dedication and excellent service to the Township during the 2009 winter season. Carole Kustafik inquired about the status of her road drainage complaint at 751 Upper Pine Creek Road. Mr. Ross stated that as in previous conversations, significant rain must occur before the Engineer can evaluate the proper procedures for repair.
- M. Strategic Planning Committee – No report.
- N. Treasurer’s Report –Mr. Shemonsky summarized the Treasurer’s report. Mr. Cracas requested that the Treasurer’s Report be consolidated to save paper. In addition, Mr. Cracas suggested that the Treasurer require employees to attach their credit card receipts to a copy of the statement each month.
- L. Windolph Knoll Master Plan Committee – No report.
- M. Motion to Receive Reports –Mr. Barker made a motion to receive the reports as read. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next Board of Supervisors Meeting April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Act 537 Windolph Knoll Presentation, March 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

IX. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- A. Robert Smith inquired about the status of the Pickering Meadows, Creek Crossing Dedication. Mr. Ross stated that Orleans Builders are in the process of scheduling repavement of the road surface, As soon as that task is completed, the Township Engineer will proceed with the required inspections.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Mr. Barker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary