

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

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
May 4, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on May 4, 2009 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Robert Shemonsky, Chairman; Richard Bright, Vice Chairman; Robert Barker, Supervisor; William Cracas, Supervisor; Harold Hallman III, Supervisor; Stephen J. Ross, Interim 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. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Board met in Executive Session prior to this meeting for personnel and real estate matters.
- III. **MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL-** Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2009 with the addition of Mr. Barker's Nay vote under Article VI., Section E. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- IV. **PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD** – There were no persons wishing to be heard.
- V. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - A. **Pine Creek Park Soccer Field Update** – Mr. Ross reported that construction of the field is progressing well and completion should be accomplished by the May 15, 2009 deadline. Mr. Donatelli noted that the Township is awaiting the Environmental Hearing Board Judge to consider motions by all parties and determine the fate of the soccer field construction in relation to the legal suit filed by Dr. and Mrs. Henry Jordon. Mr. Donatelli also gave a summary of the case to date.
  - B. **Proposed Noise Ordinance/Turnpike Barriers** – The West Pikeland Township Planning Commission is currently reviewing the proposed Ordinance. Once their recommendations are received, the Board will consider authorization to have the ordinance legally advertised and presented to the Chester County Planning Commission for their comments. Mr. Hallman III suggested that Mr. Ross contact the adjoining Townships affected by the Turnpike widening project to consider approaching the Turnpike Authority with joint correspondence.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A **Bills for Approval** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III abstained from Check #2024. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

- B. Reduction of Speed Limit on Rt. 401** – Mr. Ross explained that the Township received a letter from Maurie Kring of Anselma Crossing development, Heather Reiffer of Anselma Mill, and State Representative Curt Schroeder seeking the Township’s authorization to approach PennDOT to reduce the traffic speed limit on Rt. 401, west of Rt. 113 to the Township line from 45 MPH to 35 MPH. Route 401 has differing speed limits including 35 MPH. Mr. Ross stated that a letter of endorsement of the speed reduction has been received by State Representative Curt Schroeder. Chief Clark has submitted his recommendations. Mr. Hallman III suggested that a study also be done for a traffic signal at the intersection of Byers Road and Rt. 401. Mr. Barker made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to send a letter to PennDOT requesting a reduction of the speed limit on Route 401 to 35 MPH and conduct a study for a traffic signal at the intersection of Byers Road and Rt. 401. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye with the exception of Mr. Cracas who abstained.
- C. Amendment to the Personnel Manual** – Mr. Barker made a motion to amend the personnel manual to require all full time non-uniform employees to participate in the cost of Health Insurance. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- D. Herb Society authorization to use parking lot May 14, 2009** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Philadelphia Unit of the Herb Society of America to use the Cultural Center Parking lot during their event on May 14, 2009. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. Mr. Shemonsky requested that the Police Department help facilitate the pick up of purchased items. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- E. Church Use at Township Building** – Mr. Ross explained that he has received a request from Downing Hills Christian Fellowship Church seeking approval to use the Township Facility for Sunday services. The proposal includes one years use in exchange that the church paints the Cultural Center Building. Mr. Donatelli stated that such a use is consistent with the Facility Use Policy. Mr. Hallman III made a motion for the Board to establish a date to hold a work session for further discussion. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- F. Road Closure – Art School Road – HYS 5K Run** – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the closure of Art School Road during the HYS 5K Run on June 7, 2009 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., with cooperation of the West Pikeland Township Police Department to provide the necessary manpower and appropriate barricades. HYS will also furnish the Township with a Release of Liability for use of Art School Road. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III suggested that HYS contact West Vincent Township regarding the use of Art School Road and Horseshoe Trail. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.
- G. Knapp letter of appreciation for Police Services** – Charles Knapp submitted a letter of appreciation to West Pikeland Township Police Department for their recovery and assistance when his motorcycle was stolen. Mr. Shemonsky added his appreciation for the assistance provided by Police with a strangely acting raccoon.
- H. Shakespeare Classic** – Mr. Shemonsky noted that Charles Conwell from the Arts and Culture Committee has submitted a proposal to have the Commonwealth Classic

Theatre Company provide a presentation of “Midsummer Night’s Dream at the outdoor amphitheatre. The program is weather dependent and possibly in the Black Box Theatre if it rains. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize Commonwealth Classic Theatre Company the use of the Cultural Center Facility on July 10, 2009 and waive the insurance requirement and fees. Mr. Shemonsky seconded the motion. A discussion ensued regarding advertisement of the event. Mr. Cracas suggested that the Arts and Culture Committee propose ideas for publicity of the event. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Next Board of Supervisors Meeting May 18, 2009.

**VIII. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

- A. **Carole Kustafik** inquired about the status of the Windolph Knoll Sewage Study. Mr. Ross stated the Township recently had a meeting with Chester County Health Officials regarding a study being conducted on failing sewage systems in the Township. Mr. Shemonsky noted that the Township is in the process of obtaining more data regarding the current and future sewage needs of the Township.
- B. **Wayne Freese** inquired about the Diesinger and ACMEC lawsuits that have been filed against the Township. Mr. Donatelli stated that a Motion to Dismiss has been filed on behalf of the Township in regards to the Diesinger case, and a response is being filed by the Township by May 11, 2009 regarding the ACMEC claim.
- C. **Ernie Holling** of the Strategic Planning Committee informed the Board that the Committee is reviewing the website content and discussing future web design. Mr. Holling stated the committee would like to post an electronic version of the official road map and a map that defines all Township owned properties with definition of land use, and private trail access. The committee would also like to complete a “frequently asked questions” page along with an email blast list for establishing a township email list. Mr. Shemonsky made a motion to authorize the Strategic Planning Committee to move forward on accomplishing each topic mentioned in an effort to seek better communication basics for the Township. Mr. Barker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Barker made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,  
Township Secretary

