

WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR SESSION
June 18, 2007

The Board of Supervisors of West Pikeland Township met on June 18, 2007 at the Township Meeting Room. Those in attendance were Harold Hallman III, Chairman; Linda Glaum, Vice Chairman; William Cracas, Supervisor; Jeri L. Diesinger, P.G., Township Manager; Shane Clark, Chief of Police; Harry Miller, Director of Facilities; Theodore Gacomis, P.E., Township Engineer, Guy Donatelli, Township Solicitor, and Joan Matthews, Township Secretary.

CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 P.M.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

II. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – Mr. Hallman III reported that the Board of Supervisors, the Township Manager and Township Secretary attended the PA Leadership Institute on June 13, 2007.

III. MEETING MINUTE APPROVAL –Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2007 Regular Session. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

IV. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

A. Vincent Tricome – Mr. Tricome asked if the Board has reconsidered their position regarding sound barriers along the Pennsylvania Turnpike that affects the residents of West Pikeland Township. Mr. Donatelli stated that the existing West Pikeland Township Noise Ordinance must be reviewed. The Secretary will obtain a copy.

V. PRESENTATION BY TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

Theodore J. Gacomis, P.E., Township Engineer presented a summary of the Act 537 Plan Update. Mr. Gacomis stated the update of the 537 Plan will address home sewage systems that have failed and are in need of alternative solutions. Mr. Gacomis distributed a map depicting on site septic systems, existing systems, and proposed public sewer areas. Mr. Gacomis stated that alternative solutions could involve expanding existing private systems, continued on site use, and the possibility to obtain services from Downingtown Area Regional Authority, Valley Forge Sewer Authority and adjoining Townships. Another alternative solution could be the Township building their own sewage treatment facility.

Mr. Gacomis stated that a proposed draft plan will be presented to the Township in August 2007. A draft plan will then be submitted to DEP by

the fall of 2007. Mr. Gacomis then took questions from the attending public.

VI. REPORTS

- A. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Cracas read the Treasurer's Report as of May 31,, 2007. Mrs. Glaum made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- B. Bills for Approval – Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the bills submitted as of June 18, 2007. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. Mrs. Glaum refused to approve Check 2227. Mr. Hallman III abstained from Checks 2227, 2228, 2235, and 2236. Mr. Donatelli was consulted concerning the lack of a majority vote on Check #2227. It was decided that the Board would enter into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to render answers to the vote question. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- C. Police Report – Chief Clark read the May 2007 Police Report. Chief Clark announced that Sgt. Wayne O'Connell graduated from the Law Enforcement Executive Development Academy sponsored by the F.B.I. Academy held at Princeton University. Chief Clark further announced that Ptlm. Rodger Ollis recently graduated with a Masters Degree.
- D. Building/Zoning – Chairman Hallman III read the May 2007 Building/Zoning Report.
- E. Planning Commission – Mr. Miller gave a summary of the Township Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2007.
- F. Ambulance and Fire – Mr. Hallman III read the Ambulance and Fire Reports.
- G. Park and Recreation – Mr. Kocher reviewed the revisions and recommendations regarding the organization of the Park and Recreation Board, along with revisions to Ordinance 99-03 and Ordinance 99-01. Mr. Cracas made a motion the Board of Supervisors will review the amendments to the stated Ordinance at the Board of Supervisors Regular Session on July 16, 2007. The Board will then vote to authorize the advertisement of such amendments for adoption at the Regular Session of August 2007. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
- H. Motion to Accept the Reports – Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the Reports as read. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Cultural Center – Mrs. Diesinger reported that the Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Friday, July 11, 2007 at 6 P.M. at the Township Meeting Room to render their final decision regarding the Cultural Center Parking Lot Plan.

B. General Government

1. Ordinance 2007-02 – Open Space Referendum

Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance 2007-02 Open Space Preservation Bond Referendum. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further Discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

C. Land Trust Agreement – Mr. Cracas made a motion to extend the existing West Pikeland Township Land Trust Agreement to June 2008. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

D. Pine Creek Park LYA Schedule – Mrs. Diesinger reported that the Township has received the 2007-2008 proposed LYA schedule for Pine Creek Park. Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the schedule submitted by LYA for Pine Creek Park. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the schedule. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

E. Cricket Club – Mrs. Diesinger gave an update on the Cricket Club's request to use Hallman's Field. Mr. Hallman III requested that the field be returned to its original baseball field condition as stated in the deed and his family's intention. Mrs. Diesinger will inform the Cricket Club their request has been denied.

F. Motion to Accept Old Business – Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the items of Old Business. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

VIII NEW BUSINESS

A. Cultural Center – Mrs. Diesinger reported that the theatre curtains for the Yellow Springs Cultural Center will be delivered and installed on June 20, 2007.

B. Land Development

1. Historic Commission- Mr. Hallman III announced that the Historic Commission will meet on June 19, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Township Meeting Room to review an application for 1034 Lower Pine Creek Road.

2. ZO Amendment- Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to advertise an amendment to Article VIII, of the West Pikeland Township Zoning Ordinance. The amendment proposes modifications that will establish regulations to permit non-profit and for-profit individuals and institutions to erect temporary signs. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. Mrs. Diesinger stated that she will review the proposed amendments with the Township Planning Commission. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

C. General Government

1. Pine Creek Park Facilities – Mr. Cracas made a motion to allow Victory Baptist Church to use the Pine Creek Park Facilities on July 4, 2007. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.
2. Update on Route SR113 and SR401 – Mrs. Diesinger reported that Penndot has approved a left hand turn signal for all traffic approaches at the intersection. The Township will now complete all necessary documentation with Penndot for the installation of the signals.
3. Commerce Energy – Mr. Cracas made a motion authorizing the Township to purchase electricity from Commerce Energy. Mr. Hallman III seconded the motion. Mr. Cracas stated that Commerce Energy electricity is procured from wind-generated energy sources. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

D. Motion to Accept New Business – Mr. Cracas made a motion to accept the items of New Business. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

IX Intermission – Mr. Cracas made a motion to call for an Executive Session at 10:15 p.m. could meet for legal reasons. Mrs. Glaum seconded the motion. After no further discussion, the motion was carried with all voting Aye.

X Reconvene after Intermission – Mr. Hallman III re-convened the Regular Session of June 18, 2007 at 10:40 p.m. Mr. Donatelli rendered the Board's decision and stated that Check 2227 will be paid. Mr. Hallman III stated that checks 2161 and 2175 were issued to Voyager for payment as per advice by Township Solicitor Guy Donatelli.

XI Adjournment – Mr. Cracas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joan C. Matthews,
Township Secretary*

