

**WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
1208 KIMBERTON ROAD
CHESTER SPRINGS, PA. 19425
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR SESSION MAY 16, 2005**

The Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session at 7:35 p.m. at the Township Building, 1208 Kimberton Road, Chester Springs. Those in attendance were Chairman Harold Hallman III, Member William Cracas, Township Manager Norman Long, Chief of Police Shane Clark, Township Engineer Theodore Gacomis, P. E. and Director of Facilities Harry Miller.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Hallman III opened the meeting with the salute to the flag.

Executive Sessions

Chairman Hallman III reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session on May 2, 2005 for legal reasons and on May 12, 2005 for legal and personnel reasons.

Public Ordinance Hearings

Chairman Hallman III opened the Public Hearing for the adoption of Ordinance 2005—202 and Ordinance 2005-203.

Ordinance 2005-202-Stormwater Management

Mr. Long presented Ordinance 2005-202. The Ordinance was advertised and Mr. Long entered into evidence a copy of the proof of publication from the Daily Local News. The Ordinance establishes comprehensive stormwater regulations applicable throughout the Township and its adoption is required by the Pennsylvania State Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2005-202 Stormwater Management Ordinance. Chairman Hallman III asked if there were any comments from the audience. After a brief discussion Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Ordinance 2005-203-No Trucks on Eagle Farms Road over 5 tons

Mr. Long presented Ordinance 2005-203. The Ordinance was advertised and Mr. Long entered into evidence Exhibit 1 of the proof of publication from the Daily Local News. The Ordinance prohibits the operation of certain vehicles or combinations in excess of five (5) tons gross weight on the portion of Eagle Farms Road between Byers Road and the West Vincent Township Boundary line. Mr. Cracas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2005-203 No trucks on Eagle Farms Road over 5 tons. Chairman Hallman III asked if there were any comments from the audience. After a brief discussion Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Chairman Hallman III announced the conclusion of the Public Ordinance Hearing.

Meeting Minute Approval:

Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2005 Regular Session of the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Chairman Hallman III also requested that a draft of the minutes be received by the Board of Supervisors on the first Wednesday following each meeting.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Cracas read the March 2005 Treasurer's Report. The report is on file and available for review at the Township Office. Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and bills submitted. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Police Report

Chief Shane Clark read the April 2005 Police Report. The report is on file and available for review at the Township Office.

Building/Zoning Report

Mr. Long read the Building/Zoning Officer's Report for the month of April 2005. The report is on file and available for review at the Township Office.

Park and Recreation

Mr. John Fiorillo read the Park and Recreation report for May 2005. The Report is on file and available for review at the Township office.

Mr. Fiorillo discussed the interest that the Park and Recreation Committee have in converting the fields on Route 113 and Clover Mill to a natural meadow. Mr. Darin Groff presented additional information pertaining to the environmental impact of the conversion. Mr. Cracas suggested that the Board wait to make a decision when Vice-Chairman Glaum is in attendance.

The Park and Recreation Committee have proposed that the Township's Community Day be held on October 8, 2005 and requested that the Board of Supervisors recommend a location to hold the event. Mr. Cracas replied that the event should take place at the Art School Road location as a statement to the Community to the many possibilities the location possess as a center of cultural enrichment. Mr. Fiorillo also informed the Board that he has been contacted regarding a fireworks show. Chairman Hallman III suggested that the Park and Recreation Board contact Historic Yellow Springs Inc. regarding fireworks in that location. Chairman Hallman III stated that the Committee needs to focus on establishing a direction on what activities will be provided and contact Historic Yellow Springs Inc., the Chester Springs Studio, the Yellow Springs Inn, and the Chester Springs Library for their input into the event.

The Park and Recreation Board has proposed the possibility of erecting two community signs located on the corner of 113 and Pikeland road, and Route 113 and 401. Mr. Cracas stated that the signs must be erected out of the sight distance. Chairman Hallman III recommended that only one sign be erected at Pikeland Road and Route 113, and that the Committee do so in cooperation with Historic Yellow Springs.

Mr. Paul Dowie asked what regulates the height of signs. Chairman Hallman III stated that sign heights are created for a safe break-away in the event of vehicle impact. Mr. Cracas stated that sign regulations are stated within the new Township Zoning Ordinance.

Planning Commission

Mr. Harry Miller reported that representatives from the Mill at Anselma presented future land development plans of the Mill site.

The Commission reviewed the proposed 7 lot subdivision of Robert Landis, for Yellow Springs Farm. The Commission expressed concern and future review of the proposed 1900 foot Cul-de-sac which accesses from old Route 113 which is Village Lane. Mr. Cracas stated that the proposed subdivision plan should include trail easements along the Pickering Creek and that the easements should be established prior to any construction of homes.

Public Works

Mr. Long reported that a mowing schedule is being established for township properties and that materials have been ordered for the fence at Hallman Field.

Road Department

Road Improvements

Mr. Cracas made a motion to advertise bids for road improvements to Highview Drive, Davis Road, Dewees Lane, Dunsianne Hill and Dogwood Lane. The Township Engineer has also submitted cost estimates for the proposed improvements. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Mr. Cracas inquired that once the road improvements have been completed what other roads will need improvements in the future. Township Engineer Theodore J. Gacomis stated that future road improvements should involve normal repairs and not the major road resurfacing that the Township has experienced in the past two years.

Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize Mr. Long to issue a letter to Mr. Wilber Tritle of PennDot terminating the Township's agreement with Penndot to perform the Winter Services for Agreement No. 062955 on Yellow Springs Road, Art School Road, and Lower Pine Creek Road. This is the result of the high cost associated with the maintenance of Township Vehicles. These PennDOT roads are not in good shape and have drop offs, brush and low hanging limbs in the road. Damage was done to the Township Vehicles in the past. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Fire Company and Ambulance Reports

Chairman Hallman III read the fire company and ambulance reports from West End Fire Company, Kimberton Fire Company, Lionville Fire Company, and Ludwig's Corner Fire Company.

Chairman Hallman III asked Mr. Long if consolidation of fire areas has been established with designated fire companies. Mr. Long stated that a meeting needs to be scheduled with the fire companies. Chairman Hallman III requested that a meeting be scheduled and the designations be established before the June Regular Session of the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Cracas made a motion to approve the Reports as read. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Old Business:

There were no items of old business.

New Business:

Miss Betty's Day Camp

Mr. Long reviewed the May 9, 2005 letter from Eric Miller of Miss Betty's Day Camp at Pickering Grove. The letter informed the Township of the planned improvements required by the signed lease dated March 24, 2005. The Board will send a letter stating that the camp is not in agreement of the 4' x 6' shed being built and located near the camp entrance. Chairman Hallman III stated that when lines are being laid to the barn for water, water lines should also be laid to establish a fire hydrant for the barn.

Comcast Franchise Agreement

Mr. Long presented the proposed Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement and asked the Board to consider if the 5% Franchise fee is appropriate. Mr. Long informed the Board that a decision of the percentage can be made at the time of the Ordinance hearing. Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to advertise the Comcast Cable Franchise Ordinance. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Mill at Anselma Land Development Time Extension

Mr. Cracas made a motion to grant the Mill at Anselma the Land Development time extension to August 22, 2005. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

DEP Planning Module for Approval 34-4-126.1 1326 Yellow Springs Road

Mr. Cracas made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to execute the DEP Planning Module to Tax Parcel 34-4-126.1. Chairman Hallman III seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Snap Finger Farm Easement

Chairman Hallman III inquired as a result of township residents asking about earthmoving and land clearing practices currently being done at the location of the easement at Snap Finger Farm. Mr. Long will investigate the matter.

Announcements

Mr. Long stated that the Township requires a Building permit for Tents over more than 120 square feet and that can hold more than 10 people. Safety inspections are also required.

Public Comment

Gesa Sklaroff asked when the existing township building will be sold. Mr. Cracas stated that the Building sold per the requirements of the Second Class Township Code when the offices are moved to the Art School Road location.

Mr. Long stated the Township will be creating a committee to steer the creation of a revised Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Adjourn

Chairman Hallman III made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Mr. Cracas seconded the motion with all voting Aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norman J. Long,
Township Secretary