



West Pikeland Township
1645 Art School Road
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
March 16, 2015 at 7:30 P.M.

ATTENDING
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ernie Holling, Chair
Richard Bright, Jr., Vice-Chair
Pam Conti, Supervisor
Harold Hallman III, Supervisor

ATTENDING
TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL

Vincent M. Visoskas, Township Manager/Secretary

Chairman Holling called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. at the Township Building and Jeremy Schmidt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Holling opened the floor for any additions or corrections to the Agenda. There were no comments and the Chair accepted the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Chairman Holling opened the floor for any additions or corrections to the March 2, 2015 minutes. No comments were made and the Chair ruled the minutes were accepted as submitted.

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no persons present wishing to be heard on other than agenda items.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration of Township Conservation Easement Assignments

Mr. Visoskas noted that the Township's approved 2015 Budget has funding for the assignment of four conservation easements that are currently held by either the Township or West Pikeland Land Trust. Proposals were received from the French & Pickering Creeks Conservation Trust and the Natural Lands Trust. The West Pikeland Land Trust has reached out to the Brandywine Conservancy for an additional proposal. After discussion on the matter, the Board decided to table the matter until the third proposal was received from the Brandywine Conservancy.

Discussion on Naming the Township's New Community Park

The Board reviewed the proposed park names submitted by the Park Master Plan Task Force. Discussion ensued on potential names provided by the Task Force, Board members, and the audience. It was decided to solicit a greater pool of names by opening up the suggestions to the community. The names should be submitted by June 30, 2015. The Township will make an effort at outreach through its e-mail list, at community events, at Primary Election Day, and with an online survey.

NEW BUSINESS

Bills for Approval

Mr. Holling made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III abstained from checks 5322 and 5323. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Visoskas gave the Treasurer's Report.

Authorization for the Township Manager to Request a Traffic Safety Study from PennDOT for the intersection of Route 401 and Byers Road

The Board discussed the various concerns and opinions on the issues with the intersection. The Board directed the Township Manager to request that PennDOT conduct a Traffic Safety Study at the intersection.

Approval to Advertise for a Farming Lease on the Clover Mill, Windolph Knoll, and Walnut Properties

Mr. Visoskas noted that the properties' leases are up. He discussed various options and durations for new leases on each property.

Mr. Holling moved that the Township advertise for the farm lease of the following properties for consideration at the April 6, 2015 meeting:

- The Clover Mill Property be leased for a term of 3 years in row crop production using the previous lease as a basis; and
- The Windolph Knoll Property be leased for a term of one year with a Township annual option for yearly renewal for a period of 3 additional years in hay crop production using the previous lease as a basis; and
- The Walnut Property be leased for a term of one year with a Township annual option for yearly renewal for a period of 3 additional years in hay production except for the existing cropped area near Walnut Lane. The renter would be responsible for cutting the hay twice per season, the bi-weekly mowing of the old farmstead area, that all bailed grass be removed within five days, and that 5 acres of the upper field should be planted in warm season grasses per the Park Master Plan.

Dr. Bright seconded. The motion passed with all voting Aye.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Holling read the following announcements:

- The next Board of Supervisors Business Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 6th at 7:30 pm at the Township Building. This will be the business meeting for the month as the April 20th meeting has been cancelled.
- Mary Poppins the Musical will take place in the Theatre at Yellow Springs on April 24, 25, 26 & May 1, 2, 3
- The West Pikeland Township Park & Recreation Commission will be holding a community egg hunt on Saturday, March 28th at 10 AM on the Township Campus.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hallman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Holling seconded the motion. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent M. Visoskas,
Township Secretary