



West Pikeland Township
1645 Art School Road
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania
Board of Supervisors
March 6, 2023

ATTENDING BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	ATTENDING TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL
Noreen Vigilante, Chair	Barbara Kelley, Township Manager
Steven Costa, Vice Chair	Dorene Guistwhite, Township Treasurer
Harold Hallman III, Supervisor	Amy Fulton, Township Secretary
Richard Bright, Supervisor	
Carin Mifsud, Supervisor, via phone	

Ms. Vigilante called the meeting to order on March 6, 2023, at 7:29 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Bright motioned to approve the agenda with the following change: to add Planning Commission Meeting Time under New Business. Ms. Vigilante also motioned to add Lionville Trade Center Discussion under New Business. The motions were seconded by Mr. Costa and unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Vigilante requested of the Board any corrections to the Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes from February 21, 2023. Mr. Costa motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bright and unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session was held.

REPORTS

Mr. Bryan Maher on behalf of the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC): Mr. Maher shared that the VPP Grant Stakeholder meeting took place this past Wednesday at East Pikeland Township. It was very productive and well-attended. The plan is to disseminate the feedback from the meeting this week and incorporate the information in the township's annual EAC plan. Once a plan draft is written, Mr. Maher will share it with the Board of Supervisors.

Executive Director of Chester Springs Library, Nancy Niggel: January was a great month for the library. There was a 24.7% increase in circulation. Additionally, there was a 200% increase in programs and program attendance. The library finished their annual customer survey which received more than 5,000 responses regarding why people use and do not use certain library services. Unfortunately, the library did not receive the StoryWalk grant. Currently, they have one part-time position available. The seed library is now open. Finally, the summer reading theme is "All Together Now". Mr. Hallman complimented Ms. Niggel on the article about the library in the Daily Local News. Ms. Vigilante asked Ms. Fulton to add a link to article on the township website.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Mr. Sam Wachsmuth confirmed that the baskets for the disc golf course are expected to be delivered this week. They can be installed in the next few weeks. After walking the layout of the proposed course, some changes needed to be made regarding the location of certain holes, as indicated in the course map provided to the Board of Supervisors. A safe pathway was established behind the Palmer House. Ms. Vigilante asked if they were on target for fundraising. Mr. Wachsmuth responded that three baskets have a committed sponsor, but checks have not been collected yet.

Mr. Hallman made a motion to approve updated layout of the disc golf course. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costa and unanimously approved.

Mr. Ryan Leithead shared that there was a meeting regarding the playground layout at Pine Creek Park. Ms. Vigilante asked about the target age group of the playground. Mr. Leithead confirmed that there would be two separate areas: one section would target children from 2 to 5 years old, and a second area would target children 5 to 12 years old. A more concrete layout will be shared at the next Board of Supervisors meeting. Township Manager, Ms. Barbara Kelley, stated that the township may need a resolution to apply for the DCNR grant for the playground funds.

Finally, Ms. Niggel shared that the egg hunt will be the first Saturday in April at the West Pikeland Township Office. Ms. Niggel will send graphics to Ms. Fulton to post on the township website and social media pages. Yoga in the Park will take place each Saturday in May and the first two Saturdays in June. Any dates impacted by rain will be held inside the township office meeting room. Yoga instructors have been secured. Ms. Niggel is going to investigate purchasing updated signs for the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Storage Facility: Ms. Kelley stated that there will be a pre-bid meeting with Linn Architects on March 10, 2023, at Walnut Lane Park. At this point, things are proceeding on schedule. Per Mr. Bob Linn, there are already parties interested in submitting a bid. Mr. Hallman asked if the project was advertised on Penn Bid. Ms. Kelley stated it was not, however, it is publicized through the Daily Local News and the township's website and social media accounts.

Mallard Lane Grant Discussion: Ms. Kelley shared that the grant has been submitted to assist with the purchase of 1546 Mallard Lane. Ms. Vigilante asked approximately when the township would find out if it received the grant. Ms. Kelley replied that it would be a few months.

NEW BUSINESS

2023-2024 Farmland Lease Bids: There were two bids submitted for the 2023-2024 Farmland Leases. Ms. Kelley recommended approving M+M Farm for the Clover Mill and Walnut Lane properties and approving Harrop Enterprises for Windolph Knoll. Mr. Hallman asked Township Treasurer, Ms. Dorene Guistwhite, if the bid amounts submitted look comparable to last year. Ms. Guistwhite confirmed that they look slightly lower than last year. Mr. Costa made a motion to approve M+M Farm for the Clover Mill and Walnut Lane properties and approve Harrop Enterprises for Windolph Knoll. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bright and unanimously approved.

Public Works Employee: Ms. Kelley shared that the candidate for the Public Works Laborer position passed his drug test and was offered the role last week. He starts tomorrow, March 7, 2023, and will be a good addition to the team. He will be working Tuesdays through Fridays.

Planning Commission Meeting Time: Dr. Bright motioned to advertise the new meeting time for the Planning Commission as 6 PM beginning in April 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Costa and unanimously approved.

Lionville Trade Center in Uwchlan Township: Ms. Vigilante shared that the Board of Supervisors had numerous concerns regarding the proposed Lionville Trade Center, including impacts on stormwater runoff and traffic. The West Pikeland Township Board of Supervisors will assemble a committee to effectively fight this. Ms. Vigilante expressed a desire to conduct a traffic study and stormwater study to prove hardships that could impact the community. Ms. Kelley shared that the next Uwchlan Township School Board meeting is March 8, 2023, and that community members should attend to express concerns. She also stated at this point, a plan for the facility has not been submitted to Uwchlan Township, and the predicted timeline for this project would be 1.5 to 2 years. Finally, Ms. Kelley shared that West Pikeland cannot consult with West Pikeland Township Engineer, Dan Daley, as he is also the township engineer for Uwchlan Township.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board of Supervisors meetings are scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2023, at 7:30 PM and Monday, April 3, 2023, at 7:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Vigilante motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hallman and unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fulton
West Pikeland Township Secretary