



WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
1645 ART SCHOOL ROAD
CHESTER SPRINGS, PA 19425

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WEST PIKELAND TOWNSHIP
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE
March 12, 2026

ATTENDING:

Lisa Lacroix, Chair
Ellen Gacomis, Member (by teleconference)
Glenn Wenger, Member
Art Vrecenak, Secretary
Teresa Wood, Vice Chair (by teleconference)
Richard Bright, Member
Don Finn, Member
Noreen Vigilante, as the Board of Supervisors liaison to the Open Space Advisory Subcommittee.

A regular meeting of the West Pikeland Township Open Space Advisory Subcommittee was convened on March 12, 2026, at the West Pikeland Township Municipal Building, at 1645 Art School Road in Chester Springs, PA 19425.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lisa Lacroix at 6:30 p.m. All Open Space Advisory Subcommittee members present at the meeting were those listed as attending above. All were present at commencement of the meeting, with Teresa Wood and Ellen Gacomis participating by teleconference.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Lacroix asked whether any matters were proposed as changes or additions to the published Agenda for the March 12 Meeting. No additional matters or changes to the published Agenda. Agenda was approved via motion by Teresa Wood, seconded by Glenn Wenger.

ANYONE WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members from the public in attendance or wishing to be heard.

GOVERNANCE

1. **Review/approval of Minutes from the February meeting.** Chairperson Lisa Lacroix asked for comments or a motion for approval of the minutes, as drafted, of the February 12, 2026, meeting (with Executive Session Notes Addendum). After discussion, on motion by Teresa Wood, seconded by Glenn Wenger, the draft meeting Minutes and Executive Session Notes Addendum, dated February 12, 2026, were unanimously approved by vote of the members present and voting.

2. **Review of Financial Statement.** Teresa Wood presented key aspects of the Township's Statement of Financial Position as of February 28, 2026. Among other points, Teresa noted that:

- Total Open Space funds balance as of 2/28/2026 was \$3,262,132, of which \$1,620,341 is allocated to acquisition and \$1,641,791 is allocated to maintenance.
- Total revenue through 2/28/2026 was \$156,548, after tax commissions, Net Revenue was \$154,673.

There ensued a discussion of the financial statement and desire for a year over year comparison of income and expenses for Open Space from Doreen. This gives us a better gauge of receipt of earned income in the Township. Lisa will follow up.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **Data Centers** - Following up on a discussion from last month regarding Data Centers and their impact on our open space. Phoenixville has designated in an ordinance an area that is dedicated to Detention/Data Center space. As long as Phoenixville has that space in our region, we should be okay in our township to come up with an appropriate ordinance in our township. At the next regional meeting on the last Wednesday of the month, there will be a discussion of model ordinances. Glenn highlighted that Chester County is working on model ordinances and is mapping where the most likely areas are within the County for potential data center siting. This will inform Townships as they address the issue. The EAC is doing a program on data center later in the year.

2. The new Township Manager (Joan) is taking over for Joe.

NEW BUSINESS

1. No New Business

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

1. EAC - Glenn Wenger reported that the Open Burning Ordinance was passed at the Board of Supervisors meeting. Restricted April 1 through October 31. There were 1500 wildfire burns that were started by people in PA.
 - a. March 21, 9am, EAC Roadside cleanup on Route 113.
 - b. March 28, working with Boy Scout troop on the Creek to Creek Trail to clean up invasives.
 - c. Noreen suggested that another project for the Boy Scouts would be to clean the trash out of the drainage basin at Walnut Lane Park.
2. Parks and Recreation – Art Vrecenak reported on the Spring Egg Hunt on March 28
 - a. Parks and Recreation would like to work with Open Space to request a traffic study from the PA DOT with the goal of reducing the speed limit on Route 401, west of Route 113, making the speed limit a consistent 35 MPH for the length of Route 401 within the Township. As mentioned in a previous meeting, Art has been in contact with the office of Kristine Howard and they will assist us in some way once the Township makes an official request to the DOT. This is something to be brought up at a BoS meeting, since the Police Chief needs to weigh in. Perhaps the State might be willing to make a pedestrian crossing bridge, tunnel, or other accommodation for pedestrian safety.
 - b. Noreen highlighted that we are \$25,000 short, after receiving another grant, for building a new playground at Pine Creek Park. Shooting for a playground a year from now. We've raised \$40-45,000 so far and we are in the final stages of fundraising.
3. April 23 – 630pm – 830pm – Volunteer Appreciation Event

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 p.m., Chairperson Lisa Lacroix, on a motion by Richard Bright, seconded by Art Vrecenak, adjourned the Regular Meeting in order to convene an Executive Session to discuss property-specific matters. *See: Executive Session Notes Addendum.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Art Vrecenak, Secretary