



West Pikeland Township
1645 Art School Road
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MARCH 3, 2014

ATTENDING
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Ernie Holling, Chairman
Richard Bright, Jr., Vice Chairman
Pam Conti, Supervisor
Harold Hallman III, Supervisor
Tom Tucker, Supervisor

ATTENDING
TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL
Vincent M. Visoskas, Township Manager
Shane Clark, Chief of Police

Chairman Holling called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. at the Township Building. Len Olsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Holling opened the floor for any additions or corrections to the Agenda. Mr. Hallman requested that an additional agenda item entitled Special Needs Registry be added to the agenda. The Chair added this item as Item D under New Business.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Holling opened the floor for any corrections to the February 17, 2014 meeting minutes. No corrections were offered and the Chair ruled the minutes were accepted as submitted.

PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

Mr. Holling opened the floor for public comment. There were none.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consideration of Options to Repair Theater Air Conditioning

Mr. Visoskas discussed the options available to repair the theater air conditioning. Mr. Hallman suggested getting an additional quote from J.A. Young Company – the company that installed the equipment originally. Mr. Holling tabled the item for consideration at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Accept Petition for Ballot Referendum Regarding the Institution of a Library Tax

Mr. Visoskas stated that the Township has received resident petitions in support of a voter referendum on the imposition of a Library Tax. The proposed ballot question is, "Do you favor increasing West Pikeland Township's real estate tax by .3 mills (.0003), the revenue from such increase to be used exclusively to fund the operation of the Chester Springs Library?" The State Library Code (24 PA C.S. §9315 (a) and (b) states that if petitioned by at least 3% of the number of persons voting at the last preceding election, the governing body **must** (*emphasis added*) submit the question of a library tax to the voters at the next election.

The Chair accepted the petition. Mr. William White asked if the proposed tax would be an earned income tax or a real estate tax. Mr. Visoskas stated that, if approved by the voters, it would be a real estate tax; treated as a special fund by the Township and conveyed to the Chester Springs Library. Mr. Tucker inquired as to the proposed funding needs that the Township has outlined in its 5-Year Financial

Plan. Mr. Visoskas stated that the plan shows an average need of approximately 0.5 miles over the next 5 years to address infrastructure issues.

The Board directed the Township Manager to transmit the petitions that were accepted to the County Board of Elections pursuant to 24 PA C.S. §9315 (a) and (b).

Accept Resignation of Joan Cohen from the Zoning Hearing Board

The Board accepted the resignation of Ms. Joan Cohen from the Township’s Zoning Hearing Board.

Appointment of Park Master Plan Task Force Members

The Township has selected a consultant to develop the plan and has reached out to residents to solicit interest in serving on the task force. Mr. Visoskas stated that the ideal composition of the task force would be up to twelve members with representatives from the Board of Supervisors, Park & Recreation Board, Planning Commission, Open Space Committee, Land Trust, and a student, nearby and at-large residents.

Mr. Holling noted that, as the largest program recently undertaken by the Township, we are striving to assure all areas of the Township have participation. The goal of the representation is to provide task force diversity as well as geographic diversity. With the student member we are attempting to gain different age cohorts as well. The intent is to have representatives from throughout the Township as formal members of the team.

Mr. Holling nominated the following persons to the Park Master Plan Task Force.

Volunteer	Representation
Tom Tucker	Board of Supervisors
Pam Conti	Board of Supervisors
Ronda Hamilton, Chair	Park & Recreation Board
Tom Dinan, Vice-Chair	Planning Commission
Bill Normoyle, Member	Planning Commission
Ted Gacomis, Chair	Open Space Committee
Michael Groman, Vice President	West Pikeland Land Trust
Joan Cohen	Nearby Resident (Fairfields HOA)
Greg Scallan	Nearby Resident (Pickering Meadows HOA)
Chris McGuire	Student

Dr. Bright seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye. Mr. Holling noted that spaces still exist for two additional residents to serve on the task force.

Special Needs Registry

Mr. Holling discussed the concept of a special needs registry and how it can function during an emergency. Mr. Hallman suggested doing a mailing to all township residents notifying them of the registry and its purpose. Mr. White spoke about the application form on the County website. Mr. Holling stated that he will suggest edits to the form and distribute it to the Emergency Management Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Holling read the following announcements:

- A work session with the Township's volunteer boards will follow this meeting.
- The following meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
- There will be a Pipeline Workshop on March 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cultural Center Theatre.

Debris Removal

Mr. Visoskas announced that as a result of the substantial damage to trees, the Township will be organizing a curbside collection of tree debris starting in April 2014. The debris must be in manageable bundles tied with string and no longer than 4 feet in length. Logs cannot be longer than 2 feet long and 16" in diameter. Residents must schedule this service no later than March 21, 2014 by contacting the office by email or phone.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Tucker made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent M. Visoskas,
Assistant Township Secretary