



West Pikeland Township  
1645 Art School Road  
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**AUGUST 18, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M.**

ATTENDING  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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  
Joan C. Matthews, Township Secretary

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Holling announced that an Executive Session was held immediately prior to this meeting for personnel matters.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. 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**

Mr. Holling opened the floor for any additions or corrections to the July 21, 2014 minutes. No comments were made and the Chair ruled the minutes were accepted as submitted.

**PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Mr. Holling opened the floor for public comment.

Resident Ron Ferrara informed the Board that the steps leading to the track at Pine Creek Park are in need of repair.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Discussion on Municipal Campus Generator Progress

Mr. Visoskas updated the Board on the progress of the installation of the generator donated by Upper Uwchlan Township. Mr. Visoskas noted that there will be an additional charge for servicing, moving, installation and startup of the generator at a cost between \$5,500. and \$6,500. Mr. Hallman III stated that he has talked to an electrician who is willing to sell the Township a new generator at his cost. A discussion ensued regarding the options of the installation of a used or new generator. Mr. Holling made a motion authorizing the Township Manager to purchase the best option of a municipal campus generator not to exceed \$35,000 in total costs. Ms. Conti seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

Discussion on Open Space Grant Status

Mr. Visoskas provided the following background information regarding open space funding. In 2013 the Board of Supervisors passed a \$10 Million bond issue and originally set aside \$6 Million of the proceeds

toward the purchase of open space. Concurrently, the Board approved the purchase of the 67 acre White Property using the open space portion of the bond issue regardless of whether or not the Township received any of the parkland acquisition grants that were applied for. The Township was fortunate enough to receive almost \$1.7 Million in grants towards the White Property purchase.

Dr. Bright made a motion to use the grants awards related to the White property purchase exclusively for the purchase of additional open space property and/or conservation easements on private property. Ms. Conti seconded the motion.

Mr. Tucker stated that he felt the funds should be designated to develop the White Property into a community park rather than towards conservation easements on land that our residents cannot use for recreation.

Mr. Curt Grogan of the West Pikeland Land Trust stated this it is difficult to approach prospective owners interested in conservation easements or acquisitions if there are no funds set aside for such endeavors.

Mr. William White expressed that he feels the additional earned income tax to purchase open space should have been structured as a real estate tax to more evenly spread the burden of the tax more equitably throughout the entire township population. He further stated his belief that resident tax dollars should be focused on improving and maintaining the Township's infrastructure and not purchasing interest in land the residents cannot use.

Ms. Joan Cohen stated that she believes that it is premature to restrict the funds one way or the other as there is no pressing need to do so at this time. She expressed her concern that the Township is undertaking a Master Plan for the development of our second community park and this vote would limit the Township's ability to implement that plan.

Chairman Holling called the vote. The motion carried 3-2 with Supervisors Bright, Conti and Hallman voting in favor and Supervisors Tuck and Holling against.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Bills for Approval

Dr. Bright made a motion to approve the bills submitted. Mr. Holling seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III abstained from checks #4933 and 4957. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

### Treasurer's Report

Mr. Visoskas gave the Treasurer's Report.

### Discussion of the Formation of a Technology Committee

Mr. Holling suggested the Board consider the formation of a "Technology" Committee to provide perspective on IT and advance communications concepts. The Board agreed to explore the formation of the Committee. Mr. Hallman III suggested that the Board should define the scope of what they should accomplish.

### Confirm Hiring of Anthony Tuski as Probationary Public Works Employee

Mr. Holling made a motion to authorize the hiring of Anthony Tuski as a full-time probationary Public Work Laborer/Operator. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. Mr. Hallman III stated that he would like to see a plan of how the public works program is going to be managed. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye with the exception of Mr. Hallman III who voted Nay.

#### Discussion on Application for Internship Matching Grant

Mr. Holling made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to make a grant application to the Charlie Sterner Internship Program which provides the opportunity for a student in an MPA graduate program to intern for a minimum of 300 hours. Dr. Bright seconded the motion. Mr. Visoskas noted that he would like to have the intern work on long term planning. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.

#### Consideration of Sale of Municipal Surplus Equipment

Mr. Holling made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to sell by auction the Trackless 51" Snow Blower Attachment, Trackless 14' Deck Mower Attachment, Tire Rack, folding chairs and tables, and any other surplus items no longer needed. Mr. Tucker seconded the motion. After no further discussion the motion carried with all voting Aye.,

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Holling read the following announcements

- A Worksession follows at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss open space fund reporting.
- The Township Office will be closed on Labor Day, September 1, 2014.
- The Board of Supervisors next regular business meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 7:30 PM.
- Volunteer applications are being accepted for vacancies on the Park and Recreation Board, Historic Commission, and EOC.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Tucker made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Conti seconded the motion. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan C. Matthews,  
Township Secretary