

Pike Township Residents' Association

Meeting Minutes 01/14/09

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Quorum verified – there was a short wait to start the meeting till enough arrived.

Susan did not read PTRAs Mission Statement, but instead gave a simple explanation. She reminded attendees to sign-in. Sign-in form on the back table. She identified items on the table including an updated roster; community form; reviewed how to become a PTRAs member or a board member. There were no elected officials in attendance at the start of the meeting.

Susan recognized elected officials, city personnel, and community representatives:

Sam Bruner, Assistant Township Fire Marshal
Phillip Hinkle, State Representative-District 92 – arrived later
Mary Chalmers, Pike Township & Eagledale Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison

I. GUEST PRESENTATION – SUPERINTENDENT JONES OF THE METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PIKE TOWNSHIP. Accompanying Superintendent Jones was Shawn Smith and Raul Rivas, Director of Facilities and PTRAs member. Superintendent Jones touched on several points...as follows:

- The last 3 years has seen the graduation rate up 93%
- The 2009 graduation rate should increase 91% for 09 – 10 school year
- 500 + students received scholarships
- 2 Gate scholars, 2 years, back to back
- 3 teachers of the year and 1 runner-up in the last 6 years
- 3 National Merit scholarships
- Pike won entire Brain Game contest and a \$10,000 check
- There were many Academic Focus winners
- Fishback is a 4 star school (top in the state)
- On 1/30 Olympic Gold Medallist Colin Jones will be at Pike
- Diverse student population – 67 languages
- Want the property value to stay high
- Looking at what needs will be 10 years out
- Not in the news for anything negative in 3 years
- Dropout rate currently 15%

II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – 1 Correction. Announcement of new appointment, Maggie Lewis – City County Council, District 7. The Board Minutes for December were approved. Motion; Don Bryson, Second; Jeanette Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT – Fran Clarke reports the balance is \$3333.50.

IV. REPORT FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP FROM INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHWEST DISTRICT AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – Drew Wignal reports that he has given the Crime Report Statistics to Susan so she can distribute to the Board. Residential burglaries and larcenies are high in December. They have been high for 6 straight months. A lot of them have been in apartment complexes. Apartment managers are having meetings to become educated. More work will be done in 2009 with apartment managers. There will be no graffiti cover-ups till March. He already has a long list.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLAT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A motion was made to support the officer of the month program with 6 months of gift cards at \$25/month. Jan made the motion. Jerry seconded it. The motion carries.
- At 38th and High School Road there are a high number of homicides. It is one of the 6th highest in the city. A reporter contacted Susan to see what she thought the reason might be. She indicated that it might be because of economics and access to the interstate. It was also noted that in the area from 38th – 46th and High School to Moller there have been a lot of arsons.
- On 1/14 Susan attended a Department of Public Works meeting for the approval to temporarily close 72nd street. It was approved. Thanks to Mary, Nathan Sheets, Director Sherman, and Councilor Evans.
- Gardens of Growth is still ongoing. The landscaping contractor is continuing to operate. They can re-file the petition. A trial continuance till 2/18 at 1:30 pm. Susan is concerned this situation will escalate if not corrected soon.

VI. **LIQUOR PERMITS** – Ray is not in attendance. Susan went through the list.

- 1/5 Renewal- 3 way – 7038 Shore Terrace
- 1/5 Renewal- 3 way – 8920 Westlyan Road
- 1/5 Renewal- 3 way – La Quabrada

VII. **LAND USE – NEW PETITIONS**

- 1) **3919 Lafayette Rd. – 2008-DV1-068** AAC Management Corp, requests a variance of development standards of the sign regulations to provide for the construction of a 36.23-ft. tall, 371.13-sq. ft. pole signs with a 93.252 sq ft. electronic variable message sign component within 25 feet of a signalized intersection (min. 125 ft. separation required). Current zoning is C-4. Council District 7. Hearing is 1/13/09, BZA I (Petitioner to continue to ?). Presenter is Nancy Long. Chairperson is Jan Marshall, VP-District VI. *On January 5th the owner of the sign company and Lafayette Square presented. Hearing date Jan. 27th, BZA III. We would like for them to remove the billboard sign if possible, but understand that it is not a requirement. We did ask for some concessions. No electronic signs on 38th Street, No scrolling...it is distracting, ask that it changes quickly, but when it does change to be no less than every 10 minutes, mall tenants are the only advertisers, amber color, double sided, no EDMS. Jan made the motion that we take no position with commitments described in exchange for no remonstrance. Mark seconded. Clint abstained. Fran opposed. Motion passed.*
- 2) **7355 Michigan Rd. – 2008-UV2-027** Paul Lowrey, requests a variance of use and development standards to legally establish a tattoo parlor on a lot within zero-feet of a protected district (min. 500-foot separation required), and to legally establish parking with a zero-foot front setback from the existing (proposed) right-of-way of Michigan Rd. (min. ten-foot front landscape strip required). Current zoning is C-3. Council District 2. Hearing date is 1/20/09, BZA II. Presenter is Charles White. Chairperson is Clint Fultz, VP-District IV. *Petitioner did not attend. Clint talked about the tattoo parlor. It is already there. A statement was made that Councilor Mansfield was opposed to it as it is not suitable for the area. Clint moved to oppose. Don seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

Before the meeting ended Rep. Hinkle asked how many people were opposed to having alcohol sales on Sunday. It seemed to be a pretty unanimous that it was not something we wanted.

Meeting duly adjourned at 9:00 PM