

PIKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION, INC.

Meeting Minutes 03/11/09

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Susan reminded attendees to sign-in. Sign-in form on the back table. Susan waived reading the mission statement, as those in attendance were mostly board members. There was a quorum in attendance.

- I. ELECTION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS** – Current board members whose term expires this year is: Susan Blair, Tyler Bolinger, Fran Clarke, Nancy Dison, Clint Fultz, Ed Harper, Edwin Locke, Mary Zenor. There was a motion to re-elect from Ed and a second from Ray. The motion carried. There was a motion from Katherine for the officers to continue as follows: Susan Blair – President, Don Bryson- VP District I, Fran Clarke – Treasurer, Ed Harper – VP District II, Kevin Durcholz – VP District III, Clint Fultz – VP District IV, Mark Jakobovie – VP District V, Jan Marshal – VP District VI, Jerry Fisher – Secretary. Ed Seconded. The motion carried. The committee chairs will continue to be: Don Bryson, Ray Dillon, and Paul Satterly.
- II. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES** – A motion to approve February board minutes was made by Don Bryson. Andy Hensel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. TREASURER'S REPORT** – Fran Clarke was not in attendance but did provide a Financial Report. There were deposits of \$300.00 and withdrawals of \$215.91 leaving a balance on 3/10 of \$3414.60. From Fran's report - Old National had purchased Charter One Bank; therefore, if anyone needs immediate reimbursement, please let Susan or Fran know. Due to the purchase, new checks will need to be ordered (routing number change).
- IV. REPORT FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP FROM INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHWEST DISTRICT AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE** – Deputy Prosecutor Drew Wignal spoke briefly about the Crosswalk Program. A program initiated by the Prosecutor's Office, volunteers will monitor school bus stops. He indicated that if there was interest or questions to contact Kevin Tichenor at the Marion County Prosecutors office at 317-327-5641 or Drew Wignal at 317-327-6652. He also touched on the Graffiti Cover-up (TAG) Program. They did have one in February – cover-ups at 71st & Bradford Woods, and Rodebaugh & 71st. There will be another cover-up in March. There was a suggestion that they look at 3 utility boxes at 79th and Marsh Road as they have graffiti on them.

At this time Susan recognized elected officials, city personnel, and community representatives in attendance.

Sam Bruner, Assistant Township Fire Marshal

Jose' Evans, Councilor-District 1

Maggie Lewis, "Lets Improve Crooked Creek" and Councilor - District 7

Katherine Ritchie, Secretary, Pike Township School Board

Mary Chalmers, Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison-Pike Township and Eagledale

- V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLAT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE**
 - Gardens of Growth – February 18th a trial was scheduled. On February 17th, defendant's attorney requested another continuance and Judge Keele granted it with stipulations. By May 4th they must cease and desist their operation. They are continuing to operate. The truck is still parked in the right of way of Guion Road. Zoning inspectors will look into it further.
 - Property that Sunbelt desired to purchase, 8500 Michigan Road – received call from Joe Calderon – proposal for Goodwill store to demolish existing building and construct new on parcel that Sunbelt desired. The current Goodwill parcel will be available for future retail use. The hearing date may be April 9th.
 - Environmental Services Company – A press conference was held to bring attention to what is being done at this business. They recycle oil by a process with acids and pour into the sewer system. Councilor Evans has drafted and proposed an Odor Ordinance. Community support is needed. It could turn out to be a countywide problem. Odor is not the only problem. Black discharge from sewers has been reported in residential basements and yards. Breathing complaints have also been received. They reportedly have permits for the operation. There may be possible federal investigations coming. There has been greater than \$60,000 in costs for 911 calls in Pike Township.
 - Tattoo Parlor – 7355 Michigan Road – The request was approved. The new fence and hours of operation commitments were not incorporated initially. Councilor Mansfield and Susan had discussions with the attorney; he

ultimately agreed to revisions. The hours of operation will be 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM – 7 days a week (hours that Staff recommended). They did agree to a new fence and to maintain it as needed. They also agreed to the landscaping and sidewalk. Variance is limited to current owner.

- Lafayette Road Bridge closure – Mary Chalmers – The tox drop location is not accessible; a temporary location is being researched. It may need to be closed until roadwork is complete. Jeanette reported that a culvert should be installed near the bridge. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful clean-up program on April 25th. There is a public meeting March 24th at 1:00 PM to talk about the Belmont interceptor sewer line. It is currently flowing at capacity. It looks like a whole new interceptor will have to be built. There is major erosion near Rick’s Boatyard that is being repaired.
- Councilor Lewis – hosting a meeting to discuss use of former T.J. Max location (south side of 38th street). It is to become a traffic court, probation offices for both juvenile and adult probationers, with holding cells. Meeting is Wednesday, March 18th, 6:00 PM, 2nd floor, Westview HealthPlex. Proposal is actually in Wayne Township but borders Pike. Councilor Lewis can be reached at 289-6059, or by e-mail at mlewis2@indygov.org.

VI. **LIQUOR PERMITS** – No one received the mailing for upcoming permit hearings. Ray provided the March 2nd hearing permit requests. There were 2 - both for beer, wine & liquor. Payless at 79th and Michigan and Club Rio at 5054 W. 38th Street. Susan stated an appeal hearing for the MAC convenience store, 86th & Michigan Road will be March 23rd, 10:00 AM, Alcohol & Tobacco Commission in the State Government Building.

There has been an unverified report that an under 21-club is operating in the integrated center of 56th St. & Guion. Not a permitted use per zoning classification. It is called Club Daiquiri and has building permits. Pike Fire reported the establishment had over 14 fire code violations.

VII. **LAND USE – NEW PETITION**

- 1) **2702 Westlane Rd. – 2009-UV2-004** James and Laura Burks request a variance of use and a variance of development standards of the sign regulations to provide for general and medical office use (not permitted) within an existing dwelling structure and to legally establish a 4-ft. tall, 32-sq. ft. ground sign (not permitted) encroaching 5.5 feet into the right-of-way of Westlane Rd. Current zoning is D-A. Council District 2. Hearing date 3/17/09, BZA II. Presenters are James and Laura Burks. Chairperson is Clint Fultz, VP-District IV. *Petitioners would like zoning for general office use only. After some discussions we agreed to support the variance if it was only used specifically for insurance, medical, dental, real estate, or accounting. Clint made a motion that we support the variance with the above usage and two conditions requested by the Staff Planner. Jan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous; motion carried. Susan indicated that she would send a letter of support, listing the commitments, before next Tuesday.*

VIII. **LAND USE – PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL**

- 1) **7220 Woodland Dr., 5860 W. 73rd St.** – Request for signage options for both locations - Hampton Inn and Holiday Inn Express. The 7220 Woodland Dr. location will request a modification of 1987 commitments to remove a commitment that requires periodic DMD Administrator plan approval. No filing notice received to date. Presenters are Tim Ochs and Greg Ewing. Chairperson is Kevin Durcholz, VP-District III. *–Legal notice not received. Proposal was filed on March 4th. There are concerns that the signage may be viewed as a billboard and the precedent that may be set. Petitioners agreed to incorporate some commitments that would limit usage of the signs. Proposal will be heard next month after legal notices have been mailed and received.*

Mary Chalmers and Susan had a previous conversation regarding sending the agenda to Mary’s email distribution list. It was general consensus that it would be OK for her to send meeting date, time, location, but not attach or include the agenda.

Meeting duly adjourned at 9:05 PM