

PIKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Meeting Minutes 02/13/13

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

I. WELCOMING – OPEN REMARKS – INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, CITY PERSONNEL -

Susan read the full mission statement. 5229 Telford will not be heard this evening. Petitioner is continuing to work on details.

Visitors and board members and ex-officio members asked to sign in at back table. Agendas, copies of the board of directors' roster, PTRA membership forms, on the back table. If you are not a member of PTRA and would like to become one, Membership fees are \$15.00 for individual/family, \$40.00 for homeowner's associations, \$30.00 for business. This fee helps defray the cost of supplies, copying, postage, website, etc. Additionally, we oftentimes contribute monetary to services that benefit the Pike Township community. If you are interested in becoming a board of director, please contact one of the board members.

Recognized board members; quorum present.

Recognized elected officials, city personnel, and community representatives in attendance.

Karen Lightbourne – Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison-Pike Township

Janice McHenry, City-County Councillor-District 6

Anthony Burke – Health and Hospital Neighborhood Liaison (recognized but had to depart)

Sam Brunner - Pike Township Fire Marshal

II. GUEST PRESENTATION ON INDY REZONE – TAMMARA TRACY, PRINCIPAL PLANNER – ORDINANCES

Project underway to update zoning codes and ordinances. Objective is to make them easier to understand and follow the correct procedures. Project is in the beginning stages. Changes and updates are to be expected as the process proceeds. Infrastructure doesn't handle water very well. Canadian geese produce 2 lbs. of fecal matter daily; contains high concentrations of e-coli bacteria. Low-density development does not monetarily support the cost of infrastructure. Construction of every new home creates 4 tons of waste. 19% of the population has mobility issues. The environment affects all residents and businesses. Revisions are intended to protect health, safety and public welfare. Public is welcome to provide zoning classification revision recommendations. Tammara's contact information ... info@indyrezone.org.

III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER AND JANUARY BOARD MINUTES – Approval of December minutes tabled providing time to review. Don motioned to accept January 2013 minutes as written. Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT – No report. Susan provided income and expenses for 2012. Expenses outweighed income primarily due to remonstrance materials.

V. REPORT FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP FROM INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHWEST DISTRICT AND PROSECUTOR'S

OFFICE - DREW WIGNAL OR HEATHER KISTLER - Drew presented. He talked about the police chase that transpired the morning of meeting. Two teens were taken into custody. One was 15 years old. They were involved in a shooting on the south side and a shooting of a man walking his dog on Reed Road. Regarding the shooting at Lafayette Square in January, the young man has been found guilty. Is currently in juvenile corrections and will be there until he is re-habilitated and will be monitored upon release. Police may have identified a gun supplier where teens are obtaining their weapons.

VI. REPORT FROM MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON-PIKE TOWNSHIP KAREN LIGHTBOURNE – Mayor's State of the City address is 2/20, 1:30pm. Greenway meeting, 2/20, 6pm. Mayors Night Out in Pike will be on 10/5. Great Indy Cleanup will be on 4/27.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLAT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE -

- Westchester Estates was successful with variance litigation. The approval was overturned. Jeff Bellamy, Attorney, represented Westchester. Property violation has returned to the Environmental Court and Code Enforcement.
- MSD of Pike Township Transportation Facility – residents of Saddlebrook are experiencing problems with traffic. Zoning was not required when MSDPT purchased property, therefore, no commitments on file. Police are the only legitimate personnel permitted to stop traffic.
- New Augusta Village – 72nd Street is closed permanently.
- 6895 Michigan Road – approved.
- 7602 Michigan Road – not heard further.
- 5229 Telford – hearing to be continued.
- 8930 Lafayette Rd. – withdrawn.

VIII. ALCOHOL PERMITS – No report. Senator Delph has sponsored legislation to amend aspects of the Indiana Alcohol Beverage Law. Has been assigned to a committee; no hearing scheduled. If a hearing is scheduled it will be next Wednesday. If it goes to a hearing it will be next Wednesday. Susan will email the bill's proposed language to board members.

IX. LAND USE – CONTINUED PETITIONS

- 1) **8930 Lafayette Rd. – 2012-ZON-027 PETITION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN**
Religious use within a residential structure. - *Withdrawn*
- 2) **5229 Telford Ct. – 2012-DV3-031** Alonzo Seawood requests a variance of development standards to legally establish a deck, with a 1-ft. side setback and a 3-ft. encroachment into a 35-ft. wide drainage and utility easement (5-ft. setback for accessory uses, structures not permitted within easements). Current zoning classification is D-6II. Council district 7. Hearing continued by petitioner to 2/19/13, BZA III. Presenter is Elizabeth Williams. Chairperson is Jan Marshall, PTRA Vice-President, District VI. – *Petition to be continued.*

X. LAND USE – NEW PETITIONS

- 1) **7270 Georgetown Rd. – 2012-UV1-033** Zdag, LLC requests a variance of use to provide for a religious use, including a church office and auxiliary uses such as church bazaars, church fairs, etc. (not permitted). Current zoning is I-2-S. Council District 1. Hearing continued by PTRA to 3/5/13, BZA. Presenter is G. Westley Ray. Chairperson is Clint Fultz, PTRA-Vice President, District IV. – *60 members that meet 2 times per week. 40 – 50 on Sunday and 20 on Wednesday. Provided building interior layout. Petition needs amending to add truck rental variance of use (not permitted; currently at location). They believe parking*

is not a problem. Sam Brunner indicated that there are currently 18 fire related issues. They will be using 3000 of the building's 12,000 sq feet.

- 2) **4765 W. 71st St. – 2013-UV2-001** Photographic Instant Memories requests a variance of use to provide for a construction contractor's office with outdoor storage of equipment (not permitted). Current zoning is C-3 and I-2-S. Council District 1. Hearing date continued by PTR A to 3/12/13, BZA. Presenter is Evert Hauser. Chairperson is Clint Fultz, PTR A-Vice President, District IV. – *Don Oldham, adjacent property owner, has concerns about the outside storage appearance. Not clean and unorganized. He suggested this location is not suitable for this type of business. Road improvement/sidewalk contractor has contract with the city. Weather permitting they work approximately 10 months a year. Trucks and equipment will be stored at the site when not in use. During the work season, typically trucks and equipment are left at job site. Jeff Turley, another close proximity property owner, also has concerns about the appearance; provided photos. Petitioner has agreed to several commitments, including vinyl slats on chain-link fence; no trucks/equipment (other than employee light trucks) will be parked in front (north) parking lot. Clint moved to oppose. Nancy seconded. Motion carried, not unanimous.*

Meeting adjourned 9:40 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Fisher, Secretary**