

PIKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Meeting Minutes 08/14/13

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

I. WELCOMING – OPEN REMARKS

PTRA's mission statement read. Attendance sign-in not available for this meeting.

Agendas, copies of the board of directors' roster, PTRA membership forms are 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, PTRA oftentimes contributes monetarily 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.

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

Noelle Malatestinic – Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison-Northwest Outer Region

Drew Wignal – Marion County Prosecutor's Office, Community Prosecutor-IMPD Northwest District

Anthony Burke – Neighborhood Liaison, Health and Hospital

Sam Bruner – Pike Township Fire Marshal

Janice McHenry – City-County Councillor – District 6

Jose Evans – City-County Councillor – District 1

Brian Mahone – Commander, IMPD Northwest District

Board quorum verified.

II. PRESENTATION – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – STORM WATER PROGRAM PRESENTERS: JOHN OAKLEY, MIKE MASSONNE, AUTUMN GASIOR, TARYN HOUCHIN

DISCUSSION ON PROBLEMS AND RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS

Funding has become strained. Storm water assessment is on property taxes, twice per year. The assessment covers the sanitary system, combined rain with sanitary system, and storm water system. DPW's storm water personnel are responsible for the separate storm water system. MS4 permits the separate storm water system. All problem calls are routed through Citizens Energy first. To report drainage complaints call 317-924-3311, opt. 2. If it's a large problem it is referred to DPW. They cover 270,000 resident and 30,000 business properties. Some excluded cities, Beech Grove, Speedway, and Cumberland are not included. In 2002 the initial flat rate recommended was \$2.95/month. The approved assessment was \$1.25/month; increases have occurred, current rate is \$2.25. Problems include: aging storm water infrastructure, \$320 million in capital needs, a program that is driven by customer complaints (20,000+ per year). Storm Water Capital Funding declining each year, 380 problem areas cover all townships. A slideshow and handouts covered the entire presentation. Goals: Convert to a variable rate structure for residential, business property already on a variable rate. Proposal is \$1.10/per square foot of hard surface area; 1-1000 sq. feet, \$1.10; 1000-2000 sq. feet \$2.20, 2000-3000 sq. feet \$3.30, 3000-4000 sq. feet \$4.40. Will provide a rate lower than surrounding communities, complete \$16 million/year for the next 20 years of capital projects, provide \$15 million for annual costs. Address the 380 identified problem areas. Some credits will be provided, i.e., properties with certified rain gardens, communities with retention ponds.

Susan commented there appears to be inadequacies in their proposal. Ranch style homes will be taxed more even though the square footage is similar/same as two-story structures, lot sizes not taken into consideration; proposal doesn't appear to be fair and equitable. Many ranch-style property owners are on fixed incomes, i.e., seniors and physically challenged. While it is not a substantial increase, other essential costs are increasing providing challenges. Questions: will homeowner's associations (HOA), particularly those with amenities, be assessed? HOA's do not pay property taxes on amenities/common areas. Will pavers, flagstones, wood decks be identified and not assessed? Some areas (i.e., Traders Point) do not have

storm sewers, however, they are assessed. If the current residential flat rate structure were retained, what would the rate be to accommodate funding needs? No current answer on flat rate. HOA's are assessed storm water fees. DPW attendees were thanked for their attendance and presentation.

III. APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES

Nancy motioned to approve as written. Ron seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

No report. With a deposit and one withdrawal, balance is approximately \$150.00 more.

V. REPORT FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP FROM INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHWEST DISTRICT AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE DREW WIGNAL OR HEATHER KISTLER

No report from Drew Wignal. Due to length of storm water presentation, Drew had to depart. Commander Brian Mahone was in attendance. Offenders are returning from the "system" and no one knows they have been released. He believes there should be a screening 6 months in advance of release and home visits after that. He requires officers to have 5 traffic stops per day in the Northwest District. Not all are ticketed. Last year they stopped 38,000 vehicles. The purpose is crime prevention; much can be learned, identified and prevented with traffic violation stops. There was a reduction in crime last year. Concerns with "street level robberies," 13-14 year olds have become a huge problem. More officers are needed, but since funding isn't available, the department has to work more efficiently. Also, the vehicle fleet is hurting. Requested that residents go to IMPD Northwest District's Facebook page and "like" it. Commander Mahone was thanked for his attendance and information.

VI. WELCOME TO AND REPORT FROM NOELLE MALATESTINIC, SENIOR MAYOR'S NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON-NORTHWEST OUTER REGION

Noelle started August 1st. She has been a neighborhood liaison since 2008. She lives in Wayne Township. If there are any outstanding issues, Karen (Pike's former MNL) will fill Noelle in. Indy Greenways has their second round of meetings at Krannert for the Municipal Gardens. Mayors Night Out in Perry Township is coming up. Mayors Night Out for Pike Township is scheduled for 11/14, location to be determined. Noelle can be reached at 317-408-1991. Her e-mail address is Noelle.malatestinic@indy.gov.

Sam Bruner announced an arsonist is within the 62nd and Rodebaugh area. Fire department had a run in the area. House had the water turned on and set on fire. Asked residents to be aware and report any suspicions. Sam can be reached at 317-347-5860, ext. 2105.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLAT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

No announcements, plat reports or correspondence.

VIII. ALCOHOL PERMITS

No Alcohol permits presented.

IX. LAND USE – NEW PETITION

- 1) **7355 Woodland Dr. – 2013-UV2-014** Woodland Investments, LP requests a variance of use to provide for general office uses (not permitted) and a detention center (not permitted), without overnight stays, with the addition of a Sally Port, a secured, controlled entryway. Current zoning is I-2-S. Council District 1. Hearing date continued by adjacent property owner to 9/10/13, BZA II. Presenter is Gene Valanzano and/or Murray Clark. Chairperson is Ron Rodgers, PTRS Vice-President, District III.

Federal immigration office. Office and detention center will be used to identify and process immigrant violators, primarily those with visa or passport violations. The detention center will include 3 cells with no overnight stays.

The request for proposal (RFP) indicates the need for a modern office building with hours of 8:00am – 5:00pm – Monday – Friday. Requires that churches/schools/residential areas have a minimum separation of 2/10 of a mile. Building is 2-story with 14,000 sq. feet. The majority of building will be used for administrative functions. The lease agreement/contract will be for 10-15 years. Surrounding property owners have concerns; declining property value, negative perception affecting value and hotel usage. Mark P. recommended the request be separated into Part A and B. A for the general office use request (not permitted in the I-2-S zoning classification); B for the detention center and Sally Port. Ron motioned to separate petition into two parts. Mark seconded. Motion carried with one opposition. Ron motioned to support Part A (general office use); Nancy seconded. Motion carried with one opposition. Ron motioned to oppose Part B (detention center and Sally Port); Don and Ty seconded. Motioned carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Fisher, Secretary