

**PIKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2003 BOARD MEETING**

The Pike Township Residents' Association (PTRA) held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 12, 2003 at the Pike Government Center.

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

February meeting minutes were approved with two minor corrections.

Elections: A motion was made and duly seconded to re-elect the following board members to the board of directors: Susan Blair, Ty Bolinger, Fran Clark, Clint Fultz, Ed Harper, Bob Matejka. All were elected unanimously. A motion was then made and duly seconded to elect or re-elect the following officers: Susan Blair, President; Don Bryson, VP Dist I; Wyatt Smith, VP Dist. II, Remo Mezzetta, VP Dist III; Clint Fultz, VP Dist. IV; Mark Jakubovie, VP Dist. V; Sheila Seleman, VP Dist VI; Fran Clark, Treasurer; Ty Bolinger, Secretary. All were elected unanimously.

Treasurers' report: no report this month.

Announcements by Tammara Tracy (Pike Twp. Administrator): Crooked Creek Plus will have its second annual Kaleidoscope Day to Celebrate Our Youth on April 26, 2003 at North Masonic Park Lodge, 5555 N. Michigan Rd. If you see big pot holes, the city has launched a pot hole initiative – call 327-HOLE to report pot holes. She also spoke briefly about the “Keep Indianapolis Beautiful” campaign, including “Operation My Town.” Forms are available to sign up to be a block coordinator for Operation My Town.

Presentation: Mr. Van Bartow, who serves on the Marion County Liquor Board, spoke briefly about current liquor permit issues including the issue of defining a “grocery store.” This has become critical as many gas station/convenience store operations have claimed to be grocery stores – thus making them eligible to request liquor permits. He explained that the county board consists of four (4) members with one appointed by the mayor, one by the city-council, one by the county commissioner plus one state excise officer. Applications are made to the state, which then sends those to the local boards for review. State excise police deal with violators. He stressed that public input is critical at the county level and that seeing people in the audience at hearings makes a big difference. The board, however, almost never turns down a renewal request, but does sometimes reject new requests. Mr. Bartow stated that if the state legislature does not define “grocery store” then he will likely propose an operative definition for Marion County. He opposes opening up Sunday sales to “strip joints” and the like.

Liquor permits: Ray Dillon then reported on a few liquor permit requests and noted that the Super-Seven chain was requesting several permits outside Pike Twp. Jeannette Robertson informed us of the May 19 hearing regarding two (2) Speedway and one (1) Shell convenience store requests. Also, the BP Amoco saga continues at the state level.

LAND USE ITEMS

Old Business

4640 Lafayette Rd. – 2002-DV1-050: Petitioner has withdrawn this proposal for now at least.

5901 Lafayette Rd. – 2002-UV1-043: Our request for a continuance for Cause was denied, and the Petition was approved. Hopefully, the Church and AT&T will nevertheless be responsive to neighborhood concerns.

6301 W. 46th St. – 2002-ZON-150: This too was withdrawn.

4004 Georgetown Rd. – 2003-SE1-001: Not heard this evening.

New Business

3601 W. 71st St. – 2003-ZON-023: Cadd Research, Inc. requests a rezoning of 1 acre being in the D-S district to the C-1 classification to provide for a child care facility. Hearing date is 3/13/03. This case not heard this evening, and it will be replaced by a variance request.

6950 N. Michigan Rd – Request for Cell Tower to be heard April 1. Clint Fultz proposed that PTRA request a continuance in this case to permit further review. A motion authorizing Clint to pursue such a continuance was made, duly seconded and passed unanimously.

3930 Georgetown Rd. – 2003-ZON-025: New Life Worship Center of Indianapolis, LLC requests a rezoning of 9.09 acres being in the C-4 (FF) (FW), C-5 (FF) (FW), C-3 (FF) (FW) and C-S (FF) (FW) districts to the SU-1 (FF) (FW) classification to provide for religious uses. Hearing date is 3/27/03 with Hearing Examiner. Presenters Mary Solada/Greg Ewing. This Church is affiliated with Eastern Star and is proposed to be located in a traditionally commercial area. The business community has a lot of concerns about the proposal, and they plan to seek a continuance. This will be heard in more detail next month.

56th & High School Rd. – filing petition not yet received – Presenter is Joe Calderon. Not heard this evening.

56th & Lafayette Rd. – filing petition not yet received – Presenter is David Kingen. Chairperson is Remo Mezzetta. Petitioner proposes a 6,200 square foot building that would include a Star Bucks and at least one other commercial tenant. Requests a free standing pylon sign no more than twelve (12) feet in height. Petitioner seeks both a variance (for the sign) and a modification of commitments. Petitioner offered to restrict drive thru use to “Star Bucks” only. Curb cut on to 56th street could be a concern. No official vote or action taken tonight.

8130 N. Michigan Rd. – filing petition not yet received – Presenter is Stephen Mears/Judy Wertz. Chairperson is Wyatt Smith. Involves 39 acres currently zoned D-A. This is the former proposed Home Depot site. Petitioner proposes 183 single family residences with a minimum house size of 1150 square foot. Translates into 4.63 units per acre. Price range expected to be 130s to 170s. Ryland is the proposed builder. Some condos will also be built. Concerns were raised about traffic, especially the ability to make left hand turns. Offered to commit to an eight (8) foot asphalt bike path along Michigan Rd. Petitioner also agreed to street lights for the community and also proposed a list of sixteen other commitments. Petitioner proposed to build the “Benjamin Square” line of Ryland homes and indicated a willingness to commit to specific Ryland models/designs. The developer also agreed to serve notice on PTRAs and other nearby HOAs regarding any requests for modifications via “administrative approval.” For the proposed development, there will be two (2) HOAs – one for the homes and one for the condos.

6025 Lafayette Rd. – filing petition not yet received – Presenter is Ray Good. Chairperson is Remo Mezzetta. This case involves a single family dwelling that has been used for day care without having the proper variances. Ray Good briefly explained the situation and the history of the property. Neighbors and board members want to see more details related to the proposal. Meetings with Petitioner will be held, and PTRAs will review this proposal again next month.

Board meeting was then duly adjourned.