

**PIKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2004 BOARD MEETING**

The Pike Township Residents' Association (PTRA) held its regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, 2003 at the Pike Government Center.

Political Candidates Forum: Numerous political candidates appeared and spoke briefly about why they should be elected in the November, 2003 elections. The candidates that appeared included Greg Jordan, Jane Henenger (representing Bart Petersen) Sean Frick, Josephine Coleman, Carmen Hansen Rivera, Lonnell (King Ro) Conley, Janice McHenry, Peter Pizzarro, Ricky Hence, Isaac Randolph, Elizabeth Karlson, Angela Mansfield, Lynn McWhirter, John Bainbridge and Greg Bowes. This portion of the meeting was much like a "town-hall meeting" with each candidate speaking briefly followed by an opportunity for questions and dialogue with the audience. At the conclusion, PTRA President Susan Blair reminded the candidates to have their numerous political signs removed.

Approval of Board Minutes – September 2003 Board minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – new balance is \$2,226.24 and we have moved our account to Charter One Bank.

Election of new board member: Mr. Phil Brojan lives in Crooked Creek West. He is president of his HOA and has lived in Pike since 1996. He is also involved in C-4 and very interested in the Michigan Rd. corridor and New Augusta. A motion was made and duly seconded to elect Mr. Brojan to the PTRA Board. Vote in favor was unanimous. Welcome Phil Brojan to the PTRA Board of Directors!

Announcements: Robin Run Woods is applying for urban forest conservation program – after some discussion PTRA board reaction was generally positive but no official action/vote taken.

Announcements by Tammara Tracy (Pike Twp. Administrator): A new turn signal light is being installed at 62nd & Georgetown to improve traffic flow. An additional and longer political candidate's forum will be held on October 14 at the Masonic lodge on Michigan Rd. sponsored by C-4. Also, the City has decided to target Lafayette Square for new money for economic development in the area.

Susan Blair indicated that Wal Mart may be looking for a new location for its proposed grocery store now proposed at 62nd & Guion Rd.

Liquor permits – Ray Dillon discussed a few liquor permit applications in Pike Twp. Jeanette Robertson updated us on the Gas Station liquor permit controversies. Jeanette attended the State hearing downtown, and it is anticipated that the state will rule by the end this year. See Jeanette for more information on gas station liquor permit issues.

LAND USE

8404 N. Michigan Rd. – (ALDI’s request to modify commitments to allow Saturday deliveries.) PTRAs has learned that neighbors had not received legal notice prior to PTRAs’s vote to support this proposal. A motion was made, duly seconded and unanimously supported to re-open the case and re-visit PTRAs’s position.

ALDI’s says it needs Saturday delivery to keep fresh produce in stock. However, serious concerns about truck noise were expressed by neighbors who live very close to the loading docks. These concerns were a factor that led to the prohibition on Saturday deliveries many years ago when the property was re-zoned to permit retail development. ALDI’s has offered to do certain things to help the neighbors such as telling drivers to shut-off engines and to remind merchants that trash pick-up must occur during certain designated hours pursuant to the commitments. “ALDI’s really wants to be a good neighbor,” according to their representative. No one disputes that ALDI’s is trying to work with the community but ALDI’s has inherited a commitment negotiated to provide benefits to the neighboring residential community, which is very close to the retail development. Nothing has changed to justify an erosion of commitments negotiated in good faith. Susan Blair spoke to 4 neighbors – 3 of which oppose the Saturday deliveries. Some neighbors state that Saturday deliveries have already occurred in violation of the commitments. Trash blowing in the residential area is also a major problem. Susan also received letters from neighbors opposing the change in commitments. DMD Staff is taking a neutral position – deferring to neighbors and the developer to agree or not agree. A motion to Not Support was made, duly seconded and passed with all but one vote. PTRAs does Not Support.

6060 Guion Road. 2003-SE3-005 and 2003-DV3-040. American Arts and Clay Co. requests a special exception to the Industrial Zoning Ordinance to provide for an I-3 use (i.e. the manufacture and production of products for the ceramic arts education industry and to also provide for retail sales of products and materials related to ceramic arts education). Chairperson is Sheila Selemen. Petitioner wants to buy an existing building. Petitioner makes potting wheels, kilns etc, which is an I-3 manufacturing use. Petitioner also has three (3) silos that will hold materials and which exceed applicable height restrictions. There is a residential sub-division adjacent to this site. DMD staff has concerns about location of silos, which will contain clay/ceramic powder. Petitioner proposes to add a mound and ever-green trees that will grow to block the view of the silos. Serious concerns were raised about the silos and their visual impact. However, the

silos will be several hundred feet away from the neighboring residential community. Petitioner indicated they will have 4 or 5 truck deliveries a day but agreed those deliveries would take place Monday thru Friday 7 am to 3:30 pm. No Saturday or Sunday truck deliveries. There will be no store or retail showroom but a small amount of direct retail sales may occur on the site for the convenience of customers. Petitioner says there is no odor associated with their manufacturing process. DMD Staff wants to further investigate silo “line of sight” and location issue. Petitioner has been in business since 1919 and has personally talked to several neighbors. A motion to support with commitments (including mounding and landscaping to block view of silos) was made, duly seconded and passed with unanimous support. PTRAs Support.

8599 W. 96th St & 9151 Lafayette Rd. – 2003-ZON-115 (2002-DP-016): Heritage Development proposes a development called “Lake in the Woods” on 20.11 acres, resulting in 1.89 units per acre. A maximum of 37 lots is proposed. Several commitments have been proposed including square footage minimums. Petitioner has met twice with neighbors. Only 20 percent can be ranch homes. Neighbors raised several questions and concerns about how things will look during the construction phase. Petitioner had few answers and Petitioner’s representatives appeared to have little, if any, authority to negotiate. The chairperson was generally favorable toward the proposal. A motion to support with commitments was made, duly seconded but failed on 4 to 6 vote. Motion failed. PTRAs does not support.

The board meeting was then duly adjourned.