

# Pike Township Residents' Association

## Meeting Minutes 11/12/08

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

Quorum verified – 25 total with 16 in attendance.

Susan read PTRAs Mission Statement. She reminded attendees to sign-in. Sign-in form on the back table. She identified items on the table including an updated roster; community form; reviewed how to become a PTRAs member or a board member. Advised attendees that our positions are identified by support, oppose, or no position. PTRAs positions are recommendations only, but are highly regarded by the various governmental entities. Acknowledged elected officials in attendance.

Susan recognized elected officials, city personnel, and community representatives:

Janice McHenry, Councilor-District 6

Jose' Evans, Councilor-District 1

Mary Clark, President-Lafayette Square Area Coalition

Maggie Lewis, "Lets Improve Crooked Creek"

Mike Delft, State Senator-District 29

Phillip Hinkle, State Representative-District 92 (acknowledged presence later)

Mary Chalmers, Pike Township & Eagledale Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison

- I. **APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES** - The Board Minutes for October were approved. Motion; Ray Dillon, Second; Nancy Dison
- II. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Fran Clarke not in attendance. No report.
- III. **REPORT FOR PIKE TOWNSHIP FROM INDIANAPOLIS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT NORTHWEST DISTRICT AND PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**  
– Drew Wignal was present. He explained that he had October's crime report for Pike Township to Susan who will forward to all members of the board. Drew indicated that there has been a high amount of residential burglaries. There has been a great increase in the last 4 – 6 weeks. He indicated that it might be due to the economic downturn. We were advised to always lock our doors, talk with our neighbors, and watch out for each other. The burglaries are generally during the day when homeowners are at work. Drew explained that this time of year auto theft is high, especially as it gets colder. Advised that we not leave our cars running to warm up with no one inside the car. Talked about the TAG (Take Away Graffiti) program. They are always looking for supplies. A neutral color paint and brushes are welcome. Kevin Durcholz donated supplies this last month. There were 8 cover-ups in Pike Township this spring and summer. That was more than anywhere in the city. There is a lot of gang activity in Pike schools. The gang members are always changing their looks so it can be difficult to identify them. We can always call Drew on his direct line to report problems at 327-6652. The gang activity hotline is 327-GANG; e-mails can be sent to [gangs@indygov.org](mailto:gangs@indygov.org). Gangs are responsible for many of the burglaries, robberies, and gun offences. They are used as initiations to prove themselves.
- IV. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLAT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE**
  - Representative Hinkle reminded us of his upcoming town hall meetings. On 12/08 it will be at the Pike Library from 6:30 PM till 9:00 PM. Another will be at the Speedway Town Hall on 12/11 starting at 6:30 PM.
  - There have been some very strange odors coming from the Environmental Services Company at 86<sup>th</sup> and Georgetown Rd. Area residents and/or employees have been overcome by fumes. The owner is not doing anything environmentally unsafe. Councilor Evans has received calls and e-mails regarding the situation and will look into the problem after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the New Year. The odor seems to be stronger at night and on weekends.

- Mary Clark told us the multi-cultural parade organized by Laf. Square Area Coalition was a great success. They had over 1000 participants. LSAC hopes that by getting more people involved, the area retailers will benefit by more customers.
- It was brought up that the service station at 56<sup>th</sup> and Lafayette Road has just changed ownership. They have started selling Mad Dog 20/20 (type of wine), and a proposal was made that we let the proprietors know we don't desire that type of alcohol sales within our community. PTRAs, along with others, had remonstrated against the Alcohol Permit, but were unsuccessful in defeat.
- Maggie Lewis with the Crooked Creek CDC says that money has been made available to them from The Daughters of Charity to buy foreclosed homes in Pike and Washington Township. The homes are refurbished and resold. They want to purchase 12 homes in the next year. PTRAs agreed to assist them in locating properties. Nancy and Tim will help with that.
- Update on cases.
  - 2701 Westlane was approved with commitments. Susan decided to remove our standard "no billboard" commitment because the property is zoned residential. Billboards are not permitted within dwelling district ordinances.
  - 5201 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street was denied. Thanks to Jan, Ed Locke, Bruce (Susan's spouse), and Tim for their participation and attendance. Tim provided home inventory numbers within Pike Township. This made a large impact with the Hearing Examiner. No appeal will be filed. We should assist in whatever way we can to find an appropriate use for this property. Councilor Evans supported our remonstrance.
  - Interstate Shops- Lafayette Road – Sharon Stuart Brown – Changes to landscape plan. PTRAs has landscape plan approval per commitments. Replace the 4 Black Hills Spruce with 4 Prairiefire Crabapple. The reason was the Spruce trees would grow to 30' blocking the signage on the Best Buy Building. A motion was made by Don to support and seconded by Jan. Motion carried unanimously. Susan will send a letter of support.

#### V. LIQUOR PERMITS – Ray Dillon

- 11/03 Kroger – Renewal – 3-way – 86<sup>th</sup> & Township Line Rd.
- 11/03 Indian Restaurant – Renewal - 3-way – 3500 W. 86<sup>th</sup> Street
- 11/03 Homewood Suites – Renewal – Beer & Wine – 94<sup>th</sup> & Michigan Rd.
- 11/17 Wal-Mart – Renewal – 3-way – 4545 Lafayette Rd.
- 11/17 Zoom Entertainment – New – Beer & Wine – 38<sup>th</sup> & Lafayette
- 12/01 Hooters of Speedway – 3-way – Renewal – 5314 W. 38<sup>th</sup> Street
- 12/01 Dow's Market – Beer & Wine – Renewal – 4281 N. High School Rd.
- 12/01 Macaroni Grill – 3-way – Transfer of ownership – W 86<sup>th</sup> Street
- 12/15 Hoosier Petes – Transfer of ownership – 5820 W. 56<sup>th</sup> Street

#### VI. LAND USE – CONTINUED PETITION

- 1) **3530, 3564 AND 3566 W 71<sup>ST</sup> St. – 2008-ZON-844/2008-VAR-844** Jerry Dunlevy, Jr., requests rezoning of 16 acres from SU-1 to D-3 to provide for residential uses. Variance of Use to provide for a landscaping contractor (not permitted), with the outdoor storage of three commercial trucks with chipper trailers (not permitted). Variance of Development Standards to legally establish a lot having 25 feet of street frontage and a lot width of 25 feet at the required front setback (min. 35 feet of street frontage required, min. 70-ft. lot width required). Council District 1. Hearing continued by PTRAs to 11/26/08, Hearing Examiner. Presenter is Jerry Dunlevy. Chairperson Clint Fultz, VP-District IV. *Petitioner desires to leave existing residential dwellings. Has already performed some renovations and refurbishments. On the Variance of Use, Petitioner agrees there shall be no chipping or sawing. It will only be a growing nursery. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday. Normally they do not work on Saturday or Sunday. There will be three trucks with chipper trailers parked there. Agrees to no retail or storage of landscape materials (i.e., stone, mulch, boulders, gravel, landscape timbers, etc.). They are committed to building a 6' fence along the east property line within 1 year. They will operate only from 8:00AM – dusk. A motion to support with*

*commitments was made by Clint; seconded by Nancy. Motion carried unanimously. Clint and Nancy will provide Susan with written commitments prior to hearing.*

## VII. LAND USE – PRELIMINARY

- 1) **79<sup>th</sup> & Township Line Rd.** – Several residential property owners desire to sell their property and combine them into one parcel. No filing to date. Presenter is Larry Rice. Chairperson is Ed Harper, VP-District II. *Desire to combine all properties and change zoning for resale. Homeowner believes a nursing home or independent senior living facility may be a possibility. Currently a “For Sale” sign is on the property. There are 5 – 7 properties involved. Mr. Rice did not attend – no presentation.*
- 2) **3919 Lafayette Rd.** - Zoom Entertainment, LLC, requests a special exception of the C-4 zoning classification to provide for more than four amusement games and a variance of use to provide alcohol sales within a protected district. Filing not received to date. Presenter is Bart Herriman/Elizabeth Williams. Chairperson is Jan Marshall, VP-District VI. *\$4 million has been invested to renovate the former Lazarus store in Lafayette Square Mall into an amusement establishment. C-4 zoning – needs a variance of use due to more than 4 amusement arcade machines and being within 500 feet of a protected district (Pacers Academy located within mall). Establishment will have indoor go-carts, bumper cars, bowling, miniature golf, laser tag and younger children rides. Alcohol will be served in the restaurant only and will not be allowed on the gaming floor. The restaurant will take up 2000 (approx.) of the 75,000 square foot facility. Beer and wine alcohol permit only. It will be a family style facility with a target age of 2 – 16. Loitering will not be permitted; admittance fee of \$6 - \$7 will help to discourage that. Food buffet included with admittance price. There will be private security inside the establishment. The Lafayette Square Area Coalition is in full support. The hours of operation will be 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM Monday – Friday, and 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM Saturday and Sunday. There will be controlled entry points. Entry points will be one off the mall corridor; the other will be an exterior entry from parking lot. In the event Zoom Entertainment decides to expand to the second floor, they agree the alcohol commitment will remain the same as on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. Will commit the variance will be limited to Zoom Entertainment or their successors. Agree to no adult entertainment or nightclub. Jan motioned to support with commitments. Betsy seconded. Motion carried unanimously with one abstention (Clint).*
- 3) **5720 W. 62<sup>nd</sup> St.** – Petitioner requests Variance(s) of Use and Development Standards to legally establish accessory uses. Filing not received to date. Presenter is Mitch Sever. Chairperson is Kevin Durcholz, VP-District III. *The owner received violation letters for having too many structures on the same lot. The lot is 9 – 10 acres in size. In order to comply with zoning regulations, the owners are removing some buildings and adding others. They have support letters from adjacent neighbors. In the past it has been a landscaping business, but is no longer. There is no commercial business at the location. The hearing is December 9<sup>th</sup>. Suggested a continuance be garnered. PTRAs agreed to file the continuance. Will hear petition at December’s meeting.*

Meeting duly adjourned at approximately 9:11 PM