

PIKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Meeting Minutes 04/11/12

Susan Blair called the meeting to order at 7:13 PM.

Quorum verified.

I. WELCOMING – OPEN REMARKS – INTRODUCTION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, CITY PERSONNEL, CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Susan welcomed all. PTRAs mission statement read. She reminded attendees to sign-in. Sign-in log on the back table. She identified items on the table, i.e., board roster, membership form, agenda, reviewed how to become a PTRAs member or a board member. Susan advised attendees that all board members are volunteers. 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.

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

Phil Hinkle, State Representative-District 92

Janice McHenry, Councilor-District 6

Anthony Burke, Neighbor Liaison-Health & Hospital Corporation

Drew Wignal, Deputy Prosecutor – Northwest District

Susan Brooks, Candidate for US House of Representatives-District 5

II. TREASURER’S REPORT

Fran Clarke provided PTRAs financial report. The beginning balance on 02/08/12 was \$3772.49. Two deposits made totaling \$590.00; ending balance on 04/11/12 was \$4362.49.

Susan began a discussion as to whether PTRAs might assist Westchester Estates HOA monetarily with filing an appeal on the variance approval to permit an assisted living facility (identified by State License as an Adult Foster Care) in their neighborhood at 3118 Thomeycroft. To the best of current board members’ knowledge, contributing to a neighborhood would be a first for PTRAs. This situation, however, is precedent setting, providing for commercial use in a residential community. Two WEHA residents were present and explained they had consulted with an attorney. The attorney indicated that the case was winnable, but not a “slam-dunk”. Susan said she believes there is opportunity for success. After discussion, Nancy motioned that PTRAs match up to \$1000 of the Westchester Estates residents’ donations to be used for petition 2011-UV1-030 legal expenses. Motion seconded by Jan. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Drew presented. There will be a graffiti cover-up around the end of April – 1st of May. There has been lots of activity because of the warmer weather. Incident reports are in the process of being redesigned and will be handed out next month. There will be better information on the new reports. Brian Mahone is the new IMPD Northwest District Commander. Drew can be contacted directly at 327-6652.

Heather Kistler sent the March Incident Report to Jerry and Susan should anyone want those reports.

IV. REPORT FROM MAYOR’S NEIGHBORHOOD LIAISON-NORTHWEST OUTER REGION REBECCA VIEWEGH

Rebecca resigned from her position as the neighborhood liaison for the northwest outer region. She has taken a new position with Wayne Township. Once again we are without a liaison, but have been told we will have a new liaison shortly. For the time being Mark Warner, Mayor’s Neighborhood Liaison for Washington Township is serving Pike as well. Please contact Suzanne Rothenberg, Supervisor, at 327-5216.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PLAT REPORTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE

6450 Gateway – Pack Rat petition – A lawsuit was filed against the city on zoning and variance approval. There is dispute regarding the zoning classification.

The Lafayette Road church building elevations have been received.

Door Devil brochures are on the back table.

3930 Georgetown Road – need to modify plans in order to straighten pedestrian painted lines per PTRAs suggestion. Tomorrow’s hearing has been continued. To date, written commitments have not been received.

8334 Eagle Crest was approved. The board took “no position” on the petition because the need for the petition was due to zoning technicalities.

There is a new billboard on the north side of 86th Street, between Payne and Georgetown. Proper zoning; permit was issued.

VI. ALCOHOL PERMITS

April 16, 2012

• Saddlebrook Golf Course	5516 Arabian Run	3-way renewal
• Plaza Garibaldi Restaurant	2989 W. 71 st Street	3-way renewal
• Los Rancheros	7125 Georgetown Road	3-way renewal
• Meijer #129	5349 Pike Plaza Rd.	3-way renewal
• Delhi Plaza Restaurants	2654 Lake Circle Drive	New
• Rick’s Cabaret	3551 Lafayette Rd	3-way renewal

May 7, 2012

• Just Wing’n It	7834 N. Michigan Rd.	3-way renewal
• Fast Max / Sunoco	8602 N. Michigan Rd.	Beer & Wine Renewal

- The Hooka Lounge – ATC Hearing Judge recommended denial of their alcohol permit renewal. The owner is appealing to the commission. If you recall the owner has purchased a permit at auction; intends to use it at this location if the denial is upheld. (Statutorily not permitted.)
- Hooka Lounge owner’s sister and son also purchased permits at the auction.

VII. LAND USE – DISCUSSION

Trader’s Point Creamery desires to discuss building renovations. Zoning change or variance request not required. Presenter, Greg Zubeck. - They want to remodel the kitchen. Due to the concerns of the community at the time the Creamery’s zoning was going through the approval process, the City’s Planning Administrator requested they present to PTRAs prior to obtaining permits. Kitchen is currently 300 square feet. PTRAs understand the Creamery’s need and desire for the renovation. Several area residents were present and voiced their concerns. Their concern is that a larger kitchen will increase the restaurant’s size. The restaurant size will remain as is. Residents noted the Creamery’s chickens run around free with no restriction. They were complaints regarding traffic congestion and parking. During large events, Creamery’s management encourages parking on 92nd and 93rd Streets. Both 92nd and 93rd Streets are too narrow for parking; public safety vehicles would be blocked. Motion made by Ed to draft a letter addressed to the Administrator of Planning that we reviewed the plans and are comfortable with them. Katherine seconded. Motion carried with 9 in favor, 2 opposed, with 1 abstention.

VIII. LAND USE – NEW PETITIONS

- 1) **5613 W. 38th St. – 2012-DV1-010** Jack in the Box requests a variance of development standards of the sign regulations to provide for a 40-ft. tall, 100-sq. ft. pole sign within 80 feet of an existing sign to the west, being the fifth sign on a frontage of approximately 1,100 feet (min. 300-ft. sign separation required, max. three freestanding signs permitted and 1,500 feet of frontage needed for five signs). Current zoning is C-4. Council District 7. Hearing date continued by PTRAs to 5/1/12, BZA I. Presenter is Greg Ewing. Chairperson is Jan Marshall, PTRAs Vice-President, District VI. – **Location is on the border of Pike (south side of 38th Street). The staff report recommends approval subject to the sign elevation change. They have agreed to reduce the sign height from 40 feet to 20 feet. There was discussion that abandoned signs located near this site need to be removed. Jan motioned to support with commitments of no electronic variable message sign and the height reduced to 20 feet. Motion seconded. Motion carried with 10 for, 2 opposed.**

- 2) **2550 Lake Circle Dr. – 2012-CZN-805/2012-CAP-805** Kroger Limited Partnership requests rezoning of 4.5 acres from the C-S District to the C-S classification to provide for the construction of a gasoline fueling station in addition to the uses previously approved by 86-Z-47B. Modification of the Site Plan related to 86-Z-47B to provide for a gasoline fueling station. Council District 1. Hearing date is 4/12/12, Hearing Examiner. Presenter is Elizabeth Williams. Chairperson is Ed Harper, PTRA Vice-President, District II. – ***Staff is recommending approval. There were over 100 notices sent out. Many concerns with this request. Concerns about gasoline spillage, drainage issues, fumes, and reduced parking for the entire facility. There was additional concern that Bravo restaurant will be most impacted. Susan indicated that Councilor Evans would support PTRA's position. Concerns were raised about the 71st St. Kroger location and the outside storage in and around the gas station. Kroger offered to limit storage but did not want to commit to no storage. Motion made by Ed H. to oppose. Katherine seconded. Motion carried with 12 in favor, 2 opposed. Hearing scheduled for the following day, Susan will seek a continuance.***

- 3) **8456 Michigan Rd. – 2012-CAP-807/2012-CVR-807** Jack in the Box Eastern Division, LP, requests modification of commitments related to 93-Z-88A to terminate commitment 16(a) limiting the number of freestanding signs to one 25-ft. tall sign. Variance of development standards of the sign regulations to provide for a 10-ft. tall, 44.8-sq. ft. freestanding sign, within approximately 267 feet of an existing freestanding sign to the south (300 feet of separation required). Current zoning C-S. Council District 1. Hearing date is 4/26/12, Hearing Examiner. Presenter is Joe Calderon. Chairperson is Ed Harper, PTRA Vice-President, District II. – ***Petitioner was asked if they plan to remove the trees along 86th Street, the answer was no, however, they will probably be trimmed. Commitment requested for no electronic variable message sign, petitioner agreed. Ed H. motioned to support with commitment prohibiting EVMS. Fran seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

- 4) **7445 W. 93rd St. – 2012-PLT-001** Nathan Althouse requests approval of a subdivision plat to be known as Lamb's Hilltop Estates, a replat of Lot 10 and part of Lot 11 in Loveland Addition, recorded in Plat Book 24, Pages 149 and 150, subdividing 2.69 acres into two lots, with a waiver of sidewalks. Council District 1. Hearing date continued by PTRA to 5/9/12, Plat Committee. Presenter is Nathan Althouse. Chairperson is Don Bryson, PTRA Vice-President, District I. – ***After some informational discussion, Don motioned to support with the stipulation that within 3 years from the plat approval the old house either be demolished or refurbished. Ed H seconded. Motion carried unanimously.***

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Fisher, Secretary