

PIKE TOWNSHIP RESIDENT ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE AND TIME

Date of Meeting: April 8, 2026

Time of Meeting: 7:00 pm

MEETING LOCATION

Location of Meeting: Pike Township Government Center
5665 Lafayette Rd

ATTENDEES

Board Members: Dawn Barringer, Debbie Bilal, Ty Bolinger, Susan Blair, Clint Fultz, Ed Harper, Tracy Kubly, Tim Lord, Janice McHenry, Mark Nordmeyer, Mark Patty, Lillian Rucker, Paul Satterly, Tim Sherer

Honored Guests: Officer Ryan Deakin, Joseline Medina, Annette Johnson, Pike Trustee

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
 - a. Call to Order
 - b. PTRR introduction and housekeeping
 - c. Recognized elected officials, city staff, and community representatives in attendance
 - Mike Delph (R): House District 29
 - [Name to confirm] (D): Democratic Committee Precinct 18
 - d. Confirmed that a quorum was present
- II. IMPD Report – Officer Ryan Deakin
 - a. Theft trends continue: Kias and Hyundais remain targets, and free steering wheel locks are available at the Pike District headquarters. There has also been an uptick in Toyota Highlander thefts and thefts of RAM truck media centers through rear-window entry at hotels, motels, and shopping centers.
 - b. Residents were reminded to watch for mail theft during Indy 500 ticket season. Apartment complex management offices have been targeted between 2:00 and 3:00 a.m. for mail drop boxes.
 - c. A task force event is planned for June 11 at roll call and will include suicide prevention information and schedule permitting, an appearance by IMPD Chief Terry.
 - d. Street “spinners” and intersection sideshows move between lots. Trespass agreements with large businesses help enforcement. Activity has been noted at 46th and Moller, and smaller groups may spin briefly and leave. The ordinance helps, but the issue persists.
 - e. “Two-stepping” exhaust modifications can sound like gunfire, causing confusion and concern in the community.
- III. Mayor’s Advocate Report – Joseline Medina
 - a. Community Updates
 - Arbor Day activities were held on April 8, 2026, in collaboration with Pike Township Schools and the Fire Department. Keep Indianapolis Beautiful provided cleanup supplies.
 - The Pike Township community cleanup originally scheduled for April 10, 2026, has been postponed; a new date has not yet been announced.
 - Pike Library has introduced Sunday hours from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
 - b. 2026 Election Information
 - Early voting began on April 7, 2026, and concludes on May 4, 2026.
 - The deadline to request an absentee ballot is April 23, 2026.
 - Satellite site voting begins on April 25, 2026.
 - Election Day is scheduled for May 5, 2026.
 - Additional information is available at indy.gov.
 - c. Youth Programming Opportunity
 - The Office of Public Health and Safety is seeking qualified organizations for “Summer in the City” youth programming. Applications are due Friday.
 - Bidding information is available at indy.gov.
 - d. Indianapolis Animal Care Services Update
 - Indianapolis Animal Care Services will relocate to a new facility in May.
 - Adopters and foster volunteers are needed to assist with the transition.

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- e. Department of Public Works (DPW) Updates
 - DPW has committed to a two-year plan for the 16th Street bridge that will require full closure. Additional details are included in the Mayor's Advocate packet. Community concerns about the project were noted. The 16th Street closure is scheduled to begin on June 1, 2026, and will not overlap with the 30th Street closure.
 - The 30th Street bridge is expected to fully reopen by May 2026. One lane in each direction is currently open, along with pedestrian and bicycle access.
- f. DPW continues strip patching efforts.
 - Residents are encouraged to report potholes.
 - Residents can use the indy.gov maps tool to track projects.
 - Residents may contact the Mayor's Advocate to check on specific streets upon request.
- g. Right-of-Way Signage and Code Enforcement Concerns
 - Numerous signs, primarily political, have been placed in rights-of-way, on utility poles, and in neighborhood common areas. These placements create sightline issues, including at 46th Street and Dandy Trail.
 - These placements violate code; however, enforcement is deferring removal of political signs until after the election. Limited capacity is constraining sign removal.
 - Suggestions and discussion points:
 1. Consider issuing reminders to political parties regarding proper sign placement.
 2. Historically, DPW handled sign removal; current enforcement practices differ and received mixed feedback.
 3. Homeowners Associations (HOAs) expressed uncertainty about removing signs from common property due to concerns about liability and surveillance.
 4. Some informal removal efforts are occurring at the neighborhood level.

IV. Announcements, Plat Reports and Correspondence

- a. Emergency Runs to Treatment Facilities (2025 Data)
 - Recovery Centers of America (86th & Township Line Rd): 110 runs
 - Landmark Recovery (Tech Park): 116 runs (note: facility name may have changed; prior operational concerns noted)
 - Addiction Rehab Centers (7322 Knoll Rd): 18 runs
 - Ethan's Crossing (4102 Shore Dr): 280 runs
 - Indy Teen Treatment Center (6620 Parkdale Pl): 12 runs
 - Total reported emergency runs: 540
- b. Petition Update: **5301 W 56th Street Apartments** was allegedly established illegally. Inspectors identified fire code and other violations, and the owner is working to correct them. Justin Kingen continued the hearing from April 7, 2026, to June to allow time for abatement. Septic system concerns were also noted, a health department contact was provided, and a neighbor reporting tenant issues plans to attend next month's meeting.
- c. Petition Update: The variance of use petition for **8798 Moore Road (Fortune Acres Wellness Center)** was continued to May 12, 2026, at staff's request. No reason was provided, though this is often related to public notice timing. PTRAs were largely supportive, with three commitments; 13 of 19 members voted in favor, no one opposed, and additional votes are still pending.

V. Alcohol Permits

- a. Smokey Waters: beer/wine/liquor retailer (restaurant) at 5130 W 38th St.
- b. Just Wingin' It: beer/wine/liquor at 7834 Michigan Rd.
- c. King Liquors: 3905 W 96th St, Suite 900 (formerly Crown/Big Red; ownership change).
- d. Gypsum: 3890 Lafayette Rd; nightclub; transfer of ownership; beer/wine/liquor; past issues noted.
- e. Entire Corpus: 2989 W 71st St, Suite 2A; sports bar; beer/wine only; area has had problems historically.

VI. Treasurer's Report: Balance - \$3,206.78

VII. Board Meeting Minutes: The board reviewed the February and March meeting minutes.

- a. No corrections or additions were made to the February or March minutes.
- b. **Action:** Tim Sherer moved to approve the minutes as written, Mark Nordmeyer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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VIII. Land Use – New Petitions

- a. **5935 W. 86th St.** – 2026-DV2-004 Standard Traders Point LLC requests a variance of development standards to provide for the location of a monument sign being the 3rd freestanding sign along the West 86th frontage (maximum two freestanding signs per frontage), and with a separation of 130 and 140 feet from other primary freestanding signs (300-foot separation required). Current zoning classification, C-4 (commercial). Council District 1. Hearing continued by petitioner to April 14th. No presentation; board discussion only. Chairperson is Mark Nordmeyer, PTRS Vice-President, District I.
 - Taco Bell Sign Variance (former bank site on 86th Street): Tidal Wave withdrew, and Taco Bell moved to the former bank site for direct access to 86th Street. Because the building sits back from the road, Taco Bell is seeking a sign variance. Staff opposed the request because integrated center signage is available. Hearings were held on March 10, 2026, and continued to April 14, 2026, at the petitioner's request. **Action:** Mark Nordmeyer moved to oppose the petition, Clint Fultz seconded, and the motion carried.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

X. Next Meeting

- a. May 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
Pike Township Government Center
5665 Lafayette Rd.