



Allen Township
Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission
4714 Indian Trail Road
Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067

**ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS & PLANNING COMMISSION
JOINT MEETING
MINUTES
August 24, 2016**

A Comprehensive Plan Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors and the Allen Township Planning Commission was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 7:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Municipal Building, 4714 Indian Trail Road, Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Bruce Frack.

Roll Call: Present: Bruce Frack; Dale N. Hassler; Alfred Pierce; Larry Oberly; Gary Behler; Eugene Clater; Gary Krill; Ilene Eckhart, Manager; Jerome Skrincosky, AICP (Hawk Valley); Absent: Louis Tepes Jr.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

Board of Supervisors General Business:

(1) **Pennsylvania Game Commission – Hunter Access Program:** At the Board of Supervisors request, WCO Bradley Kreider, provided an extensive overview for the Board's consideration regarding enrollment of the Township owned Lehigh River parcels in the program. The Board of Supervisors will follow-up in light of the clarification of several points at their next general meeting.

(2) **Tyler Landis, Earth Disturbance and Grading Permit – Request for Waiver:** Mr. Tyler Landis, 280 Farm Hill Road, submitted a request for waiver from SALDO Section 205-1 from the provisions of this chapter pertaining to the impervious coverage of the existing agricultural buildings (in excess of 10,000 square feet) and the subsequent application for the construction of a single family residential dwelling on the newly subdivision lot. Following some discussion Mr. Oberly made a motion to grant the requested waiver; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Joint Committee General Business:

- (1) **Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8:** The Project Team previously issued a preliminary draft of certain components of the Comprehensive Plan: The following discussion has resulted:
- i. Chapter 1 (An Invitation) and Chapter 2 (The Community Vision) had been reviewed by the Task Force. No further comments were issued.

- ii. Chapter 3 (The Foundation of the Plan) was reviewed in further detail by the Task Force. The comments shall be considered and incorporated as part of the final draft.
 - iii. Chapter 4 (Natural Features and Resources) was reviewed by the Task Force. Additional GIS mapping will be required for Chapter 4. The comments shall be considered and incorporated as part of the final draft.
 - iv. The preliminary draft of Chapter 7 (Fiscal Impact and Economic Development) and Chapter 8 (Utilities and Stormwater Management) shall be reviewed by the Task Force at the next workshop meeting.
- (2) **Chapter 9:** The Project Team has completed and issued a preliminary draft of Chapter 9 (Transportation and Circulation). A brief presentation of Chapter 9 was provided by the Project Team. The Task Force shall review the preliminary draft and provide comments at the next workshop meeting.
- (3) **Chapters 5, 6, and 10:** The Project Team shall continue to work on the following components of the Comprehensive Plan: Chapter 5 (Land Use); Chapter 6 (Community Facilities and Services); and Chapter 10 (Strategic Implementation). These chapters will be completed within the next 2 to 3 months and will be distributed to the Task Force for review and consideration.
- (4) **LVPC Comprehensive Plan and GIS Maps:** The Project Team has contacted the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC) to discuss the relative planning documents and mapping efforts that will be released in the near future. Further discussion shall be required.
- (5) **General Discussion:** The Task Force in conjunction with the Project Team discussed several issues that relate to past and current planning efforts in Allen Township. These general discussion points shall be utilized by the Project Team for the 2017 Comprehensive Plan.

The next workshop meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

With no other business to discuss at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart