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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 8, 2010

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, July 8, 2010, 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 Paul Balliet.

Roll Call: Paul Balliet - Present; William Holmes- Present; Alfred Pierce - Present; Michelle Drzewiecki – Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Ilene M. Eckhart – Present; Brien Kocher, P.E. (Hanover Engineering) - Present.

Public to be Heard: Mr. John Stoffa thanked the Township for pursuing the speed study along Kreidersville Road.

Public Hearings: No comments from the audience.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Frack made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

Reports

A. Treasurer: Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

B. Solicitor: On file. Mr. Treadwell requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss Willow Green litigation.

C. Engineer: On file.

- i. Traditions of America (Willow Green) Release of Maintenance Bond: Based on Mr. Kocher's report, Mr. Holmes made a motion to release the Traditions of America (Willow Green) maintenance security in the amount of \$75,000; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

D. Zoning Officer: On file.

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

F. Road Superintendent/Public Work Director: On file.

G. Fire Company: On file.

H. Parks: On file.

Unfinished Business

- A. Wildland's Conservancy, Open Space Plan Proposal: Mr. Chris Kocher and Kent Baird from the Wildland's Conservancy were present to discuss their proposal for the preparation of an open space planning update. Mr. Baird indicated that the proposal is in the form of a two-year contract. He further discussed the other municipal contracts that they are currently involved within the Lehigh Valley. The two-year contract allowed the municipality the flexibility to spread the cost over two budget years. Mr. Pierce questioned the tie in with the open space referendum issue, which he felt was the first step. Mr. Pierce questioned if the Wildland's would propose helping in the education of the tax issue to the public. Mr. Pierce felt the idea would be the open space referendum, if approved would fund the outcome of the plan funding (the acquisitions). Mr. Holmes questioned why the Township would be interested in a two-year contract because the referendum may not pass. Mr. Baird stated that they are finding that a long term contract allows more budgetary flexibility for the Township. Mr. Pierce questioned if the Board could opt for a one-year contract at first and based on the results possibly choose to stop. Mr. Stoffa questioned if an Open Space Committee would be considered. Mr. Holmes was concerned with signing on for two years if open space referendum is not approved. It was further clarified that the proposal before the Board was for a term of two years in the amount of \$12,500. Following some further discussion, the Board chose to table the matter for further consideration.
- B. Bids for Guiderail Atlas Road: Mr. Frack made a motion to award the bid to Chemung Supply in the amount of \$14,956.00 for approximately 1,000 feet of guiderail with end treatments; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes. On the question, from Mr. Holmes, concerning the end treatments Ms. Eckhart described the PennDOT specification.

New Business

- A. Open Space/Natural Recreation Concepts: Mr. Holmes felt the Board should begin to look into some more natural design for the Open Space/Natural Recreation design concepts as recently discussed in the PSATS Township News. Following some discussion, the Board authorized Ms. Eckhart to investigate the possibilities and concepts in light of this information.

- B. Resolution – Regionalization of Townships: Mr. Metro Leshak noted that he read an article recently concerning the Commonwealth’s recent act to regionalize municipalities. Following some discussion, Mr. Pierce made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to prepare a resolution for the next meeting stating opposition to the House Bill which calls for consolidations and mergers of local governments; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

Public to be Heard: Mr. John Mattaboni questioned the status of the Willow Ridge Apartment conditions. Mr. Treadwell indicated that there was a meeting at the Township Building with the developer, Attorney Steven N. Goudsouzian and Township representatives. Mr. Mattaboni was concerned that none of the items proposed by the residents were included in draft conditions. Mr. Mattaboni felt the residents were essentially ignored. Mr. Pierce gave the example of the proposed eight foot berm and that it was not reasonable. Mrs. Drzewiecki and Pierce felt that the conditions that were reasonable and could be legally imposed were included in the draft. No further comments from the audience.

The Board held an executive session regarding the Willow Green litigation. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart