



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, July 10, 2014**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, July 10, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Fire Company Building, 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Chairman Paul Balliet.

**Roll Call:** Paul Balliet - Present; Larry Oberly - Present; Alfred Pierce - Present; Dale N. Hassler – Present; Bruce Frack - Absent; Brien Kocher, P.E. Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. – Present; Jim Milot, Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. – Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart – Present

**Public to be Heard:** Mr. Treadwell explained that at the last meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Robert Nappa had requested additional time to explain his views with regard to the Rockefeller/Fed Ex Proposals and that the Board had agreed to grant him fifteen minutes during public comment in order to make his presentation. Mr. Treadwell further explained that in doing so it was not the Board's intention to allow extend the public comment period for all in attendance. Mr. Treadwell asked if anyone objected allowing Mr. Nappa an extended timeframe to state his position. Hearing no objections, Mr. Robert Nappa, 382 West Bullshead Road, proceeded with his presentation. Mr. Nappa indicated he was speaking for a group of his neighbors in opposition to this project.

In summary, Mr. Nappa indicated that he and his neighbors oppose the project because it would create a severe detriment to the community and would create a traffic nightmare for Allen Township and all surrounding communities, as well as for all in the Lehigh Valley who use Route 22. He voiced concern regarding the Township's compliance to Section 1409 of the Zoning Ordinance concerning "Traffic Impact Study". In closing, Mr. Nappa, urged on behalf of the residents of Allen Township and the residents of our neighboring communities, that the Supervisors not approve these applications until you have received a new, accurate and complete traffic impact study that corrects the errors found by the Gilmore & Associates review (as

commissioned by Hanover Township, Lehigh County) and that addresses his and his neighbors over-riding concern that this project's impact will be devastating to Route 22 and surrounding roads if it is constructed before the Route 22 expansion. Mr. Nappa questioned the Board's receipt of the Gilmore and Associates, review dated July 13, 2014. Some of the members indicated they had not received the study which was submitted to the Allen Township Planning Commission at their meeting dated July 16, 2014.

**Public Hearings:** No public hearings scheduled.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Oberly made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2014 as presented; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

## **Reports**

**A. Treasurer:** Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Solicitor:** On file.

**C. Engineer:**

i. Hampton Ridge North, report improvements inspections: Mr. Milot, Hanover Engineer Associates Inc., reviewed the issued letter dated July 2, 2014. Based on the review several areas need to be addressed, therefore, Mr. Milot recommended the Board did not accept dedication of the streets at this time.

ii. Boro View Drive Parking Issue: Mr. Milot further presented the recent investigation of parking along Boro View Drive. Mr. Milot recommended that visual reminders are provided to gain compliance for parking pursuant to the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code. Mr. Hassler made a motion to restripe the area in compliance with the parking restrictions defined by the PA Motor Vehicle Code; seconded by Mr. Oberly. 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. Emergency Management Coordinator:** On file.

**I. Parks:** On file. Ms. Eckhart updated regarding the progress on the Savage Road Dog Park.

## Unfinished Business

**A. Rockefeller Group Industrial Subdivision Plan – Grant of Extension of Time for Review (exp. July 15, 2014):** Mr. Pierce made a motion to grant an extension of time until August 15, 2014; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors. On the motion, by roll call vote all Supervisors present voted yes.

**B. FedEx Land Development Plan – Grant of Extension of Time for Review (exp. July 15, 2014):** Mr. Pierce made a motion to grant an extension of time until August 15, 2014; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**C. Yard Waste Composting Equipment Grant – authorization to proceed with purchases:** Mr. Pierce made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the yard waste collection equipment pursuant to the PA DEP grant with the exception of one leaf collector due to increased unit costs; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**D. Building Code Inspection, follow-up discussion:** Ms. Eckhart indicated that she has followed up with the building inspectors who submitted proposals regarding a uniform fee set by the Township. She indicated that the response has been that the individual inspectors would rather set their own fees in order to cover their individual overhead costs. Ms. Eckhart further provided the current Bureau Veritas schedule. She noted that if the Board would like to move forward with the release from the agreement the Township would need to provide 30-day notice. Mr. Treadwell clarified that the first thing the Board would need to determine if they wanted proceeds with more than one inspector. Following some discussion, Mr. Hassler made a motion to proceed to examine how to accomplish a change to multiple inspectors pursuant to the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction with staff to return to the Board with a time table, options to the change and the procedure to make the change; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisor present voted yes.

## New Business -No New Business

**Public to be Heard:** Attorney Zachary Fowler, an associate on behalf of Jackson Eaton, Esq. Solicitor for Hanover Township Lehigh County hand-delivered a letter from Hanover Township (Lehigh County) Council members to Allen Township Board of Supervisors.

Pete Deshler, 235 McNair Circle voiced concerns regarding the proposed FedEx project and impact on the environment. He further presented a photograph of an accident that occurred this past winter at an intersection along Airport Road in Hanover Township, Lehigh County.

Mr. Hassler made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote all Supervisors present voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart