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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 11, 2013

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, April 11, 2013, 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 PE (Hanover Engineering) - Present.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

Public Hearings: No public hearings.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Drzewiecki made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2013 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 Mrs. Drzewiecki. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

B. Solicitor: On file. Mr. Treadwell requested a brief executive session to discuss potential litigation.

C. Engineer: On file. Mr. Kocher presented his report the Board requested regarding Tomahawk Trail. The report indicated the appropriate speed limit should be set at 15 MPH and additional signage. Mr. Holmes made a motion to authorize the preparation of speed limit ordinance at 15 mile per hour and two narrow road signs and two 90 degree curve signs; seconded by Mr. Frack. He will follow-up with a review of the bank erosion. He further indicated that he did not perform a guiderail review. Following some discussion, Mr. Frack asked that the Township Engineer review the need for

guiderail in that area. The Board agreed by consensus to authorize the Township Engineer to review the need for additional guiderail on Tomahawk Trail.

D. Zoning Officer: On file.

i. Winarchick Property – Ms. Eckhart presented a summary of enforcement issues 3529 Seemsville Road. Following some discussion, Mrs. Drzewiecki made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to proceed, with the assistance of the Code Enforcement Officer and Solicitor, with notices of violations notices pertaining to 3529 Seemsville Road; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

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

G. Fire Company: On file.

H. Parks: On file. Ms. Eckhart presented the recent correspondence received from DCNR regarding the review of the Property Maintenance Agreement for the proposed Savage Road Dog Park. Mr. Frack suggested the Board look into other options for the Dog Park location including an area within Wayne Grube Park. The Board agreed that the Township should not abandon the Savage Road Dog Park area and continue to pursue the process and also open the proceed with working through the process for the Savage Road Dog Park as well as the concept of obtaining an area within Wayne Grube Park.

Mr. Pierce questioned what is reference as the trail? Ms. Eckhart offered DCNR's plan which showed essentially the whole tract as the trail.

The Board further agreed to delay in the sustainable landscape plantings as previously discussed until further

Unfinished Business

A. Kohls Road Guiderail Estimate: Ms. Eckhart presented the estimate prepared by the Public Works Director in the amount of \$5,620.00 for the 250 foot section recommendation with two end covers. This is the area in the PPL easement that has been recent cleared. Mr. Kocher felt that parts of the area beyond the PPL easement could as much as another 800 feet. Mr. Pierce questioned which area met the warrant. Mr. Kocher indicated that area where PPL cleared meets the warrant. Following some discussion, Mr. Holmes felt that the additional section of 800 feet should be evaluated for safety and some amount may be added but not necessarily the entire 800 feet. Mr. Pierce made a motion to employ the low bidder to install 250 feet of guiderail with two end covers pursuant to Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. study in an amount not to exceed \$5,620.00; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Gary Behler commented if the Board looked at erosion in the area. He commented that perhaps the Watershed Association would look at the area.

B. Savage Road Speed Study Report: Ms. Eckhart reported on the speed limit study by the Northampton Borough Police Department utilizing a radar speed study system. Following some discussion, the Board agreed the report should be sent to the Pennsylvania State Police Troop M. The Board expressed their appreciation to Northampton Borough and the Northampton Borough Police Department for performing the study.

In addition to the speed study, Ms. Eckhart asked the Board to review and consider some of the concepts of the PennDOT Traffic Calming Procedures in this area, in addition to speed enforcement.

New Business – No new business.

Public to be Heard: No further comments from the audience.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart