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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 12, 2012

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, April 12, 2012, 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 – Absent; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Ilene M. Eckhart – Present; Brien Kocher PE (Hanover Engineering) - Absent.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

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

Reports

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

B. Solicitor: On file. Mr. Treadwell requested a brief executive to discuss ongoing litigation with Northampton Borough.

C. Engineer: On file.

D. Zoning Officer: On file. Ms. Eckhart requested the Board review the provisions contained in Zoning Ordinance Chapter 27 Section 1404 regarding Plantings, Structures and Fences in Yards and Setback. She reviewed the regulations and some of the problems with enforcement including: the placement of fences within the easements or across property lines and the planting of hedges which grow beyond the three foot setback. She indicated that many times the regulations are used to fuel neighborly disputes and draw the Township into those types of disputes. Following some discussion, Ms. Eckhart indicated she would compile comparative regulations from surrounding

municipalities and request that the Planning Commission provide a review and recommendation.

E. Code Enforcement: On file. Mr. Holmes questioned the number of outstanding trash bills. Ms. Eckhart indicated the Code Enforcement Officer pursues accounts which are outstanding.

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

G. Fire Company: On file.

H. Parks: On file. As a follow-up, Ms. Eckhart presented the sketch from the Youth Association with the proposed additional fencing in the area of the main field. Following a review of the sketch provided, Mr. Holmes did not feel the fence should be pieced. Mr. Frack agreed that if the change is made it is to be replaced in its entirety. The Board concluded that before any changes are considered further a representative from the Youth Association should attend a meeting with the Board to review the proposal.

Unfinished Business

A. Bertsch-Hokendauqua-Catasauqua Watershed Association, upcoming meeting on April 25th, 2012: Mr. Holmes commented that he has read several comments in the local weekly newspapers concerning the removal of the Atlas Dam. Mr. Holmes indicated that the Supervisors only agreed to allow the Watershed Association to utilize the building for meetings and did not take a position on the removal of the dam.

B. Kreidersville Park: Mr. Balliet made a motion to not sell the park and to reinstall the equipment; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

New Business

Public to be Heard: Jim Hower, 4200 Howertown Road, suggested motion sensor solar for use in the park and some additional signage could be added such as “private property” at the boundary of the property.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart