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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 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 Larry Oberly.

Roll Call: Bruce Frack - Present; Larry Oberly - Present; Gerald Montanari - Present; Dale N. Hassler – Present; Gary Behler - Present; Bob Cox, PE – Barry Isett Associates, Inc. – Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr. Esq. - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart – Present

Public to be Heard: Mr. Jay Hower, 5017 Indian Trail Road, voiced concerns that the Sabia family could not be present regarding the petition request concerning Stagecoach Road as listed under the Solicitor's Report. He was aware of their opinions regarding the topic. He also raised concern regarding Mr. Oberly's attendance several months ago at the former Mary Immaculate Seminar Open House held by David Jaindl and asked Mr. Oberly to share the comments he received from Mr. Jaindl at that time regarding any plans to reopen Stagecoach Road. Mr. Oberly responded that Mr. Jaindl indicated he had no plans to open Stagecoach Road.

No further public comment.

Public Hearings: No scheduled public hearings.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of February 13th and 27th 2018, ; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Reports

A. **Treasurer:** Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve the Treasurers report and pay the bills; ; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Solicitor: On file. Mr. Treadwell spoke about the Stagecoach Road Resident Inquiry and Request for Permanent Closure.

Mr. Treadwell said there is a petition signed by a number of residents and that he and the Township manager looked at the history of Stagecoach Road and at one point in time, way back, it was a road

that went all the way through. At some point it ceased to be a road going all the way through. Now, as everyone knows, it is a cul-de-sac.

Mr. Treadwell held up a map and said the residents are asking the Board to permanently close that portion of Stagecoach Road that is not open today. As of today it is not a road. Mr. Treadwell said Stagecoach Road was shown on the map as a “historic trail until re-opened”. Mr. Treadwell said it is shown on map 14 on the Comprehensive Plan, traffic map, as a trail also.

Mr. Treadwell said the purpose of the official map is to let the people and residents know that the Township may have an interest in opening a road, or building a park or put in municipal facilities in locations shown on the official map. He said just because a road is shown on the official map, that it doesn't mean it will ever be opened. He said Just because it is shown on the official map, you still, as a Board, have to take a whole bunch of steps to turn it into a road. Just because a road isn't shown on an official map doesn't mean it will never be opened. He said any time you approve a sub-division plan that has new roads on it, that automatically amends the official map and those new roads on the approved sub-division plan become part of your official map, per the Municipalities Planning Code.

Mr. Treadwell advised that the one action that the Board could take is that it could amend the official map and take the “until re-opened” language off and still show it as a trail, which is how it is shown on the most recent Comprehensive Plan. But that doesn't guarantee anybody that it will never be re-opened as a road. There is no real way for the Board to guarantee that the road will never be re-opened and go through. It could change 2 years from now or 10 years from now. In order to do that, you first have to acquire the property somehow to re-open the road or somebody has to come in with a plan that shows a road on that plan. He said the only real action that the Board could take is that it could change the official map and take that “until re-opened” off of your official map. He said it is private property now.

Robert Hosking, 243 W. Stagecoach Road, addressed the issue because his neighbors could not be at the meeting and he said they would have wanted him to ask the Board. He said Tim Sabia had to provide a right-of-way in order to accommodate the cul-de-sac that exists and he thought it was fair that because Tim had to provide a right-of-way to accommodate a cul-de-sac, so that there would be turning radius to accommodate fire equipment and safety things for people to get to the end of the road to make a complete circle and to complete their turning radius so that they could exit the property, through the cul-de-sac, as a cul-de-sac is determined, as that cul-de-sac normally determines the end of the road. Their interest and their wishes are to permanently close the road at that location. Mr. Oberly said the cul-de-sac was put in to let the snow plows go through that area. Mr. Hosking said the Sabia's and everyone who lives in that intersection of Stagecoach Road has been contacted and they are all resolved that the road must be closed because they do not want that road to become a thru street. He said that is their objective and they will achieve that objective somehow.

Engineer: On file.

i. Salt Shed Report: Mr. Cox went over the SK1 (Sketch Option 1) plan, which is the plan that they favor. This plan has the least amount of site work and is a good location for the building. He said it needs a slight grade that goes up there and less steep than it is now to be able to get the trucks

out to the concrete pad and into the building. He said it requires that the building elevation be pushed down from where it is now.

Mr. Cox said the Public Works Crew Leader, Tom Gogle, will be using this to store the salt that the Township needs, they need a 50 X 70 foot building. Mr. Cox said the Public Works Crew Leader, Tom Gogle, will need a place on the side to mix the salt with the stone and a place to store the salt. The concrete walls are going 12 feet from the floor. Above that are studded walls and a wood truss. Trucks will need to be backed in. A dump truck can back in and dump in the salt. Storage will be on the left side. On the right side will be where the salt and stone will be mixed. Concrete walls and floors. Mr. Gogle can get his piles 12 feet high so that's how high the walls will be. There will be concrete braces to brace the walls for storage. Right now there are blocks.

Mr. Hassler asked Mr. Cox if they are going to take tractor trailers that come in with salt. Mr. Cox said they all have to be tri-axle trucks. They need 21 feet for dumping.

Mr. Behler asked Mr. Cox if there was a reason why he picked this plan over the other plans and Mr. Cox said that the Township thinks that that is the best place to put the salt shed. He asked everyone to take the 3 sheets of plans and stand where each building will be but the Board where to put it and they will decide just where it fits. The size, height and storage capacity are worked out already. The SK1 plan allows for more storage capacity. It doesn't push it as far back up the hill.

Mr. Oberly commented that the biggest thing is going to be where the building will be located. This option allows for storage on the left side of it as you are looking at the entrance and it doesn't put it as far back up the hill. When you push it farther back up the hill you have more sight work and you need more asphalt.

ii. Status of Off-Site Improvement Coordination (FedEx and Rockefeller Lot #5):

Mr. Cox said it looks like until FedEx is done there is going to be mud there. It's hard to keep it away. Mr. Cox passed out a schedule of improvements for February for things that need to be done. He said things are starting to move but that it's their feeling that things are not where they need to be for Mid-March and to need a Certificate of Occupancy to be completed by July for the intersection at Race and Willowbrook to be done. Bob Cox recommended that the Board send them a letter stating that they are worried that the schedule is not going to be met and issues are going to be un-resolved when CO time comes. April 6th is another update meeting, they promised they would send bi-weekly updates, and he said he hasn't seen those updates yet. He said there's a lot of stuff that is supposed to be done and it's not quite where it needs to be right now. He recommended watching them closely.

Rockefeller Lot #5- Mr. Cox said they have been working back and forth with their engineer. He said they have their NPDES permit for earth disturbance and the general permits for the swale connection into the stream. He is expecting a pre-con agenda for everyone to review. He said they want to start moving dirt there very soon. He said he talked with Mr. Treadwell and Ms. Eckhart about getting together to be sure that all of the original sub-division conditions and things that need to be done are in place and report back to the Board on that. Mr. Behler made a motion to send a letter to the contractor who is doing the roadwork, expressing our displeasure in the lack of progress. ; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, Mr. Frack-yes; Mr. Behler-yes; Mr. Montanari-yes; Mr. Hassler-yes; Mr. Oberly- yes.

Route 329 had a pre-con meeting about a week and a half ago and they still don't have their PennDOT permits. The contractors told Bob that the Conservation District told him that if you don't have all of

your permits then they won't let you start anything. So that is dragging it. The Conservation District may allow the work to be done on the Township property, which is what needs to be done first anyway. He recommended that a letter from the Township may be what is needed in order to get that moving along.

iii. Willowbrook Golf Course Pro Shop: Mr. Cox stated that the plans that were re-submitted, he identified a couple of zoning issues, for the L-Barn and he is going to send them to Mr. Edelman to look at. They are holding on to their review. He said they don't know what is going on in adjacent municipalities. They have asked for drawings, so they can compare, they don't know any of the effects of what is going on in the L-Barn, but they won't let their consultants pass the drawings out.

iv. Kohls Road Truck Prohibition Study: Mr. Cox said he provided Ms. Eckhart with an estimate for doing some cores and speed study on Kohls Road to look at truck restrictions, that is something that the Township wanted to move along and it would take some action to move ahead. Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve the proposal to study Kohls Road for truck restrictions based on the drainage area; ; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, Mr. Frack- yes; Mr. Behler- yes; Mr. Montanari- yes; Mr. Hassler- yes; Mr. Oberly- yes.

D. Planning, Zoning, Code Enforcement:

i. Comprehensive Plan of 2017- Zoning Map Update: Ms. Eckhart said a few months ago they finalized the Comprehensive Plan of 2017 and the next step to move forward and the most important step is to align the Zoning map with the Future Land Use map of the Comprehensive Plan. The Board gave direction to prepare the Zoning map with what would be consistent. Ms. Eckhart demonstrated with the Future Land Use map and the existing Zoning map. Ms. Eckhart said the major changes are to change some portions that are otherwise zoned IC to Rural and there was one area that would change from R- Industrial to R2. The major focus is to get these two things to align. Ms. Eckhart said they ran into a few things even to get it drafted, to talk about. Ms. Eckhart said if you take the text of the uses and the performance standards from the Ag and the Rural, there are some questions on certain sections. She said when we look at the Ag, under area, yard and height requirements, we look at the farming animal husbandry and intensive Ag having a lot area requirement of ten acres for those uses or twenty acres for intensive Ag for commercial Ag operations. When you look at the Agricultural district for the single family detached dwelling, it calls out for one dwelling per thirty acres. One acre minimum and two acre maximum. There's a slight deviation for any other uses on Ag as for as the impervious coverage, where you have 25% allowable lot coverage in Ag and 15% in Rural and there is a slight difference for all other uses that would be permitted from one acre to two, which would be just a few uses that would be affected. When you look at the area-yard and height regulations for Rural, you have a farming and animal husbandry uses lot area requirement at ten acres so the difference there is that there is no minimum notation for the intensive Ag, which is a separate use. On the single family detached dwelling, you go down to one acre without that thirty acre qualifier. So, the question is just to be able to get some feedback from the Board before this goes to the Planning Commission, so we can try to expedite getting these two documents to align and get some feedback there as to what you would want to see there and the area yard and height regulations when we look at bringing the Rural and Ag into one being in the district. That is the question. Ms. Eckhart said other than that, the only things that are not consistent in the uses, she

called out. Ms. Eckhart said they had the Agriculturally oriented commercial establishment or Intensive Ag, the only place that that was permitted in the Township was by conditional use in the Agricultural zone. It was not permitted at all in the Rural. So we want to think about that as this map changes. Green houses were also a use that was not permitted on the Rural zone. Single family cluster was not permitted in the Agricultural zone. It was permitted by conditional use in the Rural zone. The use of camp ground that was not permitted in the Agricultural zone but it was permitted by conditional use in Rural. Clinic is not permitted in Ag but it is permitted by conditional use in Rural. Farm-market establishment is permitted in Ag and permitted by conditional use in Rural. Mr. Oberly said the challenge is combining the Rural and Ag together, you have conflicts within the chart of permitted uses. Ms. Eckhart held up an existing zoning map and future land use map, she demonstrated how a specific area is now zoned Rural or the consultant called it Rural Conservation, and you had a hatched area which was a representation of properties that were in some kind of an Ag securities situation, where truly Ag properties, agriculturally zoned today, you have the Bernick property, the Mann Farm. To the South you have Wayne Grube Park, the residual of the State Farm and Homestead Estates, which is a built development today. The other area that we are looking to make consistent now would be showing on the Comp Plan Map as R2 and that area is Industrial today. So it would be taking the Industrial and bringing the R2 across into another area, leaving the existing type of Commercial operation as Neighborhood Commercial instead of outright Industrial. That is a built situation so as not to create a non-conformity issue. On the map it seems to be a really clear process. The impact of those Agricultural uses, if you start bringing them down into the Rural area, it is a twenty-acre minimum. So, even if there are substantial set-backs of 500 feet, will that create other issues, it's something to think about and get some feedback before it goes to the Planning Commission on Monday evening. Mr. Oberly asked for comments. Mr. Hosking, 243 West Stagecoach Road, asked why a specific area was not zoned Ag. Mr. Treadwell said it has never been Ag. Mr. Treadwell said zoning is different than when you are in an Agricultural security zone. Mr. Treadwell explained the owner could sell it and someone else could take it out of the Agricultural Security zone. Zoning is the underlining district. What they do with it is the property owners perspective. Mr. Hosking wanted to know who makes the zoning decision. Mr. Treadwell said the Board decides on the zoning of the property. Mr. Hosking asked why the Board would take someone who had Agricultural Security land and make it Rural land. Mr. Treadwell explained that if you put Agricultural in the middle of Rural, it is Spot zoning. Mr. Hosking disagreed with Mr. Treadwell that it is Spot zoning. Mr. Treadwell said the previous discussion was that all of the zoning in that area is being changed to Rural so there will be no more Spot zoning. Mr. Treadwell explained that we are taking the Rural district and what is the Agricultural district, combining them together, and calling it a Rural District. Then we will be discussing what you can and cannot do in the Rural district. That is the purpose of this process. Mr. Hosking objected to the land zoning and said that he is concerned that if we are going to change any zoning that we make sure that the zoning that occurs in that area that we want to maintain as Rural, are as restrictive as possible. Mr. Hosking discussed Spot zoning. Mr. Hosking said when he purchased his property it was zoned Agricultural some of his neighbors have different zoning. Mr. Hosking was upset and said the Board of Supervisors for Allen Township is completely changing the character of this community and he thinks it is the opposite of what the residents want to see. He said somebody has to speak up. Mr. Oberly asked for comments of questions before it is sent to the Planning Commission. Mr. Montanari asked if this was based on the survey that was mailed out to the residents of Allen Township, asking what they wanted and where. Mr. Oberly said some of it is based on that survey that was mailed out. Mr. Treadwell said if you look at the Future Land Use and

Zoning map, Map 10, 56% of the land in Allen Township will be in a Rural zoning district. Over half of the land in Allen Township will be in a Rural zoning district. What we are talking about is what are the requirements and parameters that will be set for over half of the land in Allen Township. That is what we need to discuss when we are talking about merging the Rural and Agricultural districts. We are not talking about changing the uses on the property. We are talking about what requirements should be had and how they should be set. Mr. Oberly said when looking at maximum or minimum regulations he thinks the lot area for farming animal husbandry and Intensive Agricultural operations at 10 acres is too small. He thinks it should be larger but he isn't sure how much larger it should be. He said 10 acres doesn't seem like much and that we are sitting on 9 acres and that it seems very small to do any kind of farming and put a house on it, or not. Mr. Oberly said the current code says one dwelling per 30 acres. Minimum of 1 acre and a maximum of 2 acres. Currently in Rural it is an acre. Mr. Behler wanted clarification on the 1 acre minimum and 2-acre maximum. He wanted to know if that meant you could not put a building on that's bigger than 2 acres. Mr. Treadwell said he didn't know why there would be a 2-acre maximum lot size. Mr. Hassler said in a lot of cases you need 2 acres because of the dual septic system. Mr. Treadwell said it would be a minimum lot size, not a maximum lot size. Ms. Eckhart said that in Agricultural, the 30-acre qualifier, for each tract of contiguous land and single ownership that is in excess of 30 acres, there may be 1 lot subdivided for each 30 acres to be utilized for a single family detached dwelling provided that the minimum lot area shall be 1 acre and the maximum lot area of 2 acres. Minimum of 1 and a maximum of 2 per 30 acres. Mr. Behler wanted to be sure he understood so he asked Ms. Eckhart if it was saying that if you have at least 30 acres you can subdivide it off but each lot has to be at least a minimum of 1 acre and no more than 2 acres. Ms. Eckhart confirmed that information. Mr. Treadwell said that it would apply only to the bright green areas, shown on the map, to the right. Ms. Eckhart confirmed that information. He said the rest of the white that was shown, on the map on the right on the map, is a 1-acre lot size, single family. Mr. Hassler wanted to know where it comes into play with the cluster, like Spring Hill. Ms. Eckhart said the single family cluster is permitted by- right in the Rural zone. That is a separate use, conditional use. That is a high-meadow piece. There is a plan for that, that is not recorded. It requires water and sewer and extends into the Rural. Mr. Hassler said that concerns him and that it should be changed. He said it could happen and if it happens in the Rural section then we will see more of that cluster type of developments. He said he is not crazy about that use. Mr. Behler said that the cluster use can be beneficial with the right type of zoning, but that it should be more restrictive for a cluster zoning. He said our open space for that is that we pretty much get the junk. He agreed with Mr. Hassler. He said if we want to continue that we should take the junk out of the equation first and then start looking at the good land and then you divide that up, whatever percentage that would be. He didn't think our current zoning is nearly restrictive enough to want to have that cluster development as conditional use throughout the whole northern section of the Township. Mr. Behler stated that he thought Mr. Hosking did bring up some good points regarding the Agricultural zone. He said 1 dwelling unit per 30 acres is a huge difference than 1 dwelling unit per 1 acre. He said that is a lot of open space that could potentially go away and with all of the development that we have going on in the Township now, we are losing open space by a drastic amount. He recommended that the Planning Commission look at that and try to come up with a plan, try to provide for a greater amount of open space, keeping in mind the Comp Plan and the zoning proposals that we have done in the past year. Mr. Hassler said he would like the cluster eliminated altogether. He said we have an opportunity to make that go away. Mr. Oberly asked for any other suggestions. Mr. Hosking suggested that we look at slopes and soils in consideration of density. He said if you don't look at the

land before you look at the septic, then you aren't doing your job. He said he has 5 acres and if you wanted to put 5 houses on his land then that would be a problem. He has 1 septic system. He felt natural slopes, soils, streams, and on-lot septic design should be considerations. Mr. Oberly said that Mr. Hosking's property is not farmland and that is what we are talking about. Mr. Hosking said he would volunteer to organize an environment advisory council. He said it is needed in Allen Township. Mike Nagle, 523 Snow Hill Rd, said he wanted to get clarification on what the Township means by if a person hypothetically owns 30 acres of land, you are saying that they can subdivide the land and put 30 houses on it. He was asking if that was what he was understanding. Mr. Oberly said under the current rule, yes. Mr. Treadwell said we are analyzing it. He said if you look at the whole white area on the map on the right, right now all of that is 1-acre minimum zoning Rural. So you could take your 30 acres and subdivide it into 30 – 1 acre lots, provided that it works with all of the restrictions that are on the lots, like Mr. Hosking is talking about. Mr. Treadwell said if you have steep slopes, if you have wet lands, if you have forests, all of those things are going to limit the number of lots that you can get. 30 acres is the maximum number of lots that you can get. All of those environment features are going to restrict how much you can build on that 30 acres as well as how much impervious coverage you are putting on there. There are a whole lot of different restrictions that come into play. 30 -1 acre lots are the base, then you have to take out everything else that makes it not work for 30-1 acre lots, so right now anybody who lives in that area has the right to do 1-acre lots, if they work. If we change that, then we have just taken 56% of the land in Allen Township from those property owners and said now you can't do that anymore. Mr. Oberly said we will prepare that information and submit it to the Planning Commission for further discussion and recommendation.

F. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader: On file. Tom Gogle gave a report for work done in Allen Township from February 13, 2018 – March 13, 2018. He stated that the Public Works department provided tree trimming, cleaned up garbage on several roads and cleaned up retention ponds. The employees also replaced several signs throughout the Township, replaced a manhole, fixed potholes on several streets, cleaned the streets, replaced manhole covers, maintained their tractors, replaced a generator for a traffic signal when there was a power outage, cleaned up the trees when there was storm damage, salt event and snow plowing, and routine maintenance. Ms. Eckhart added there are 3-3,000-gallon old salt brine tanks and that the Board may want to consider these items for sale as they are no longer utilized. There was some discussion by the staff as to if they should sell 2 or 3 salt brine tanks. Mr. Hassler made a motion to advertise the 3-3,000-gallon salt brine tanks for sale by bid; ; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

G. Fire Company: On file. Mr. Hassler gave the fire company report. He said for the month of February they had 126.5 alarm hours, 114 training hours for a total of 240.5 hours. They had 25 alarms and used 90 gallons of diesel fuel. They started having issues with their air compressor downstairs, it was over 25 years old, so they replaced that unit. They also replaced a leaky drain valve on their 4512 engine and they are installing new hand lights on their 4512 and 4512. They had a busy week last week with the storm, they had the station manned for 16 hours and they had a lot of runs.

H. Emergency Management Coordinator: On file. Mr. Krill reported for February activities. He said on February 15th he attended the Lehigh Valley Hazard Mitigation Plant meeting, on February 22nd he attended State Representative Makos' Fire EMS Roundtable at the Diamond Fire

Company, and on February 26th he attended a Planning Session at the Catasauqua Area School District.

I. Nazareth COG Report: On file. Mr. Krill said there was nothing to report.

J. Parks: On file.

i. Allen Township Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan- Final Draft Schedule for Adoption: Ms. Eckhart stated that the Study Committee, for the Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan met for the final time, on the Plan, on February 28th and they recommended that the plan be forwarded now through the Comprehensive Plan review process and to schedule a public hearing. Ms. Eckhart said she wanted to update the Board on that meeting and thank the members of the Study Committee for their time and effort in order to work through that plan. Ms. Eckhart said they discussed a potential alternative, for the early implementation planning component that could be available under the follow-up of the Props Plan and maybe looking at Howertown Park or Covered Bridge Park to do a more focused master plan for those parks, as an early implementation. The issues concerning Howertown Park that are unique are, at one time that was the community park, which serviced minimum amounts of development in the Township. It struggles to meet the need. Also, it will be impacted with some of the storm water facilities associated with the route 329 improvements. The other issue that makes it a challenge is, as reported previously, if the commercial frontage of route 329, to the west of the park, is developed, there should be consideration given to the location of the park and that commercial facility now with residential on the other side and pedestrian movement. They looked at how Howertown integrates in the Southern part of the Township. The second alternative is the Covered Bridge Park property which has been discussed with the Study Committee for the potential for some walking path systems around that property and general focuses on master planning for that property. Mr. Oberly said the original Howertown Park was created in the early 1980s and we added some land on the west side of Dry Run Creek and that there is going to be a lot of work done in that area because of the route 329 improvements. Mr. Oberly said the Board needs to re-evaluation where they want to go with this and his recommendation is to consider Howertown Park for the grant. Mr. Behler felt that the Covered Bridge Park would be best for the grant, considering that he is on the Open Space Committee and they talked about a few things that could be done there such as a trail looping around, from the Stone Bridge side, with the cooperation of the property owners. He thought it would be a great addition to the Township. He felt that because of the route 329 improvements and the fact that the Township will be losing space in that area, that the grant funding would be better suited to be used for the Covered Bridge Park. Mr. Frack said he felt that the grant funding should be used for Wayne Grube Park. Ms. Eckhart explained to Mr. Frack that the criteria for the early Implementation Plan, the Township has to own the property now, and Wayne Grube Park is owned by the county. She explained that it may come into play at some time in the future. Ms. Eckhart said they already heard from DCNR that they could not use the early Implementation Funding for the Dog Park because the Township does not own the Dog Park, they just have a lease. She advised the Board that she did contact the County about expanding the time frame for the lease and that there were some strings attached because of the way the property came to the County. The criteria for this funding is that the Township has to own it outright. Mr. Hassler said he had mixed feelings on this because he knows the Township is going to lose land at Howertown Park because of the route 329 improvements, but he didn't think that putting a ballfield at the Covered Bridge Park would tie in with that park. He said it would take away from the scenery. He said he

would go with Howertown Park. Mr. Hosking said the Board needs to build this into the Township's Comprehensive Plan. He said if you want to promote Mr. Jaindl and Mr. Watson's developments on Mud Lane and route 329, then have them put in a trail in that will connect critical areas and make it a community asset. He said the Board isn't bold enough and that they should put these things in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Nagle felt that the best place for this funding would be the Covered Bridge Park. He said it would be wise to put the money into the Covered Bridge Park instead of a park that is already established. Mr. Behler made a motion to use the funds at the Covered Bridge Park. Motion died for the lack of a second.

ii. Emerald Ash Borer- Ash Tree Mortality, Authorization to Prepare and Distribute Informational Material to Residents: Ms. Eckhart advised that she would like to send out information to the residents of the Township, regarding the Emerald Ash Borer and the effects on the Ash tree, making them aware of the problem and how to mitigate the hazard and treat anything that may not be contaminated with these resources. Mr. Montanari asked if the Township still has any Ash trees that are alive. Ms. Eckhart said there seems to be some Ash trees along Kohls Road and out that area that hugs the creek. She said this information informs people of what to look for, if a tree has to be removed, when to do that and to hire a professional to do that because of the way that the borer attacks the tree from the inside. Mr. Nagle, 523 Snow Hill Road, he said he just attended an Ash course for the second time and that all Ash trees are dead regardless of if they are living. He said they are going to die, there is no doubt. He said even the arborists consider them dead. He said there is no saving them. Ms. Eckhart said she has a lot of information from Penn State and DCNR on the Ash trees. She said she may get the information out on a campaign. Ms. Eckhart said during the storm at the beginning of March, the Ash tree was the type of tree that took down the electrical lines. Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the distribution of informational material regarding the Ash tree, to residents; ; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

K. First Regional Compost Authority: No report. Mr. Oberly said the First Regional Compost Authority is meeting next Tuesday.

L. Stormwater

i. Summerglen/Brookdale Development- Stormwater Basin Improvements Correspondence to Adjoiners: Ms. Eckhart updated the letter authorized by the Board and advised that it has been sent to the adjoining property owners.

Unfinished Business

A. Sanitary Sewer System Maintenance and Upgrade Recommendations: Mr. Oberly said the Board received the information from Ms. Eckhart, in a packet and in an e-mail, regarding the sanitary sewer system maintenance and upgrade recommendations. He said they talked about this at budget time and that they are not asking to approve the whole thing. Right now they are looking at what needs to be done immediately. He said Ms. Eckhart broke the information out a few different ways. Ms. Eckhart said they received 3 estimates for the wireless remote monitoring for the pump

stations, Willow Green and Hokendauqua Pump stations. She said they would like to move ahead based on the estimates that they received. They are under the bid limit. She said they want to do some more comparison about the reporting and they want to get some sample reports from those vendors. Ms. Eckhart said the Willow Green Pump Station was built privately and the monitoring panel is outside. She said they would like to get a structure to cover the fiberglass enclosure. The cost for the enclosure will be approximately \$4,000. Televising the sewer mains is an “as we go” basis. Any developer, such as Jaindl Watson, when it’s going to tie into the Dry Run, should be required to televise that in advance and provide that report to us first. That will save us some costs since we are not putting anything additional into that, at that point. There are some other sections along the Dry Run which have to be checked for bellies in the lines due to the sink hole prone area. We want to move ahead with the section that is very close to the creek, between the detention area and the Dry Run, south of Savage Road. Ms. Eckhart said we would want to do that section very soon. In the Willow Green development there is a chimney repair and I and I controls. She said they are going to do an investigation first into some of the manholes. She said Mr. Gogle will do the investigation. The total project is estimated at \$102,000. She will return to the Board with bid specifications after Mr. Gogle does the investigation. They looked at manhole lining due to an issue with acid and they will put a schedule around fixing those manholes. The estimated cost is \$150,000. That is \$7,500 for the 5-10 foot manholes that they would like to line. Ms. Eckhart said she will get the information from Mr. Cox regarding the lining of the manholes and then they will start working on that project. Mr. Behler made a motion to proceed with the sanitary sewer system maintenance and upgrade recommendations, which Ms. Eckhart discussed; ; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

Seasonal Summer Labor Positions: Ms. Eckhart reported that she and Mr. Gogle interviewed 3 people for the positions, for full time seasonal summer help, and she asked the Board to consider Jared Miller, Jared Huntsberger, and Jacob Huntsberger for those positions at a rate of \$10.20 per hour. Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve Jared Miller, Jared Huntsberger and Jacob Huntsberger at \$10.20 per hour for these positions; ; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

Volunteer Firefighter Incentive: Mr. Montanari suggested that we give the fire company money for their use as needed. Mr. Behler asked Mr. Hassler for the number of fire fighters to Township residents or the ratio of firefighters to Township residents. Mr. Hassler said the ratio is approximately 60%. He suggested working with the Earned Income Tax from our residents in order to help the firefighters, in a reciprocal agreement. Mr. Hassler suggested doing things to show appreciation to the firefighters would be better such as appreciation outings, Iron Pigs games, jackets. Ms. Eckhart suggested giving an incentive for each quarter that they are volunteering and the fire fighters could get a jacket, at one point, and the next quarter they could get Iron Pigs tickets. She said we could work on that idea and come up with other ideas. Mr. Oberly said he supports the quarterly approach where we would provide an activity or an article of clothing for the volunteer fire fighters as an incentive. Mr. Hassler suggested going out as a group to a hockey game. Mr. Oberly made a motion to support the quarterly approach where we provide an activity or article of clothing to the volunteer firefighters. He also volunteered to be on a sub-committee to get together and recommend to the Board to create an incentive plan for the firefighters. Mr. Montanari volunteered to be on the sub-committee also. Mr. Behler made a revised motion. Mr. Oberly seconded the revised motion. On the

motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors, except Mr. Hassler, present voted yes. Mr. Hassler abstained from voting.

New Business

A. Pennsylvania One Call System- Designating April as Safe Digging Month: Mr. Oberly said we have a proclamation that was presented to the Board by PA 811 group One Call System that is designating April as Safe Digging Month and to call them before you dig. Mr. Behler made a motion that we register our support. Mr. Behler made a motion to issue the proclamation and to show the Board's support. ; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Change in Meeting Schedule (Summer): Mr. Oberly suggested that the Board meet only once a month during the months of June, July and August, instead of twice a month.

C. Official Map Amendment: As follow-up to discussion under the Solicitor's Report, Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize the drafting of an amendment to the Township Official Map to remove the references to future extensions of Stagecoach and Woodmoor Road; ; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Montanari who voted no.

D. Dirt and Gravel Road Program Training: Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize Messrs. Gogle and Frack to attend the upcoming training scheduled for April 10, 2018; ; seconded by Mr. Montanari. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Bob Bysher, 1275 Weaversville Road, questioned the construction of the Rt. 329/Weaversville Road intersection improvements. Mr. Cox indicated that the detour would be in place from Memorial Day through Labor Day. He further encouraged the Board to consider an Environmental Advisory Council, as suggested by Mr. Hosking. He strongly encouraged the Board of Supervisors expedite the Comprehensive Plan/Zoning Ordinance update project. He felt previously there were some delays in finalizing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart