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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 14, 2013

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, March 14, 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: Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2013 as presented; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

Reports

A. Treasurer: Mrs. Drzewiecki made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mr. Pierce. 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. Mack indicated he is working on the traffic study for Tomahawk Trail, pursuant to the Board's direction.

D. Zoning Officer: On file.

i. Zoning Hearing Appeal 2013-01 – Regarding Impervious Coverage: Ms. Eckhart asked the Board to consider authorizing the Township Engineer to draft a letter

of advisement to the Zoning Hearing Board regarding the impervious surface variance request, at a minimum. Mr. Holmes made a motion to authorize the Township Engineer to provide a letter of advisement to the Zoning Hearing Board regarding the subject of the appeal; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

ii. Spring Hill Road erosion: Mr. Pierce made a motion to authorize the Township to provide notice to property owners involved (Rinker and Burke); seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

iii. Northampton County Conservation District – Notice of Violation and Reviews:

a. Towpath Estates: Ms. Eckhart indicated that the NPDES permit for this project has expired. Mr. Mack indicated there has been no earthmoving since last Spring. Mr. Pierce was concerned with the adequacy of the financial security. The Board agreed that the level of security should be reviewed for the adequacy for completion of the outstanding improvements in light of the expiration of the NPDES permit.

b. Hampton Ridge North: Ms. Eckhart indicated that according to the letter there are some maintenance issues concerning the stormwater devices but they are still not allowing the closeout of the project. Mr. Mack indicated that the retaining wall built along the lots that are to the rear of W. 27th Street do not comply with the plan. Mr. Meltsch indicated that if the wall is over four feet that a permit would be required pursuant to the UCC. Mr. Mack indicated that the plans show a gradual slope at the rear yard. The Board discussed non-compliance with the approved plan. Mr. Pierce was concerned with the adequacy of the financial security. Mr. Mack felt that there was a lack of maintenance for the project.

c. North Hills: Ms. Eckhart indicated that the Northampton County Conservation District project dated March 5, 2013 recommended that the Township not release further building permits until the issues noted be corrected pursuant to the approved NPDES permit. Mr. Tepes felt his neighbor contacted the Conservation District. He further invited the Board to review the site and he did not feel he was in violation of anything. He was baffled by the engineering involved because he was on the top of the hill. He noted that he was required to build a temporary berm of 10 feet in height and he felt the Conservation District was stepping over their bounds with this project. He indicated that the only thing changed was to move the temporary pond further up the raven to avoid removal of existing trees. Mr. Mack reviewed the deficiencies pursuant to the Conservation District letter.

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

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

G. Fire Company:

H. Parks: On file. Ms. Eckhart indicated that she has been in contact with the County and PA DCNR regarding the property management agreement review and eventual release.

Unfinished Business

A. Reappointment of FRCA representative – Jim Wilson (current term expires 3/25/13; new term 3/18/18) – Mr. Pierce made a motion to reappoint Mr. Wilson; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

New Business

A. Howertown Road field stormwater issue: Ms. Eckhart reviewed the field erosion issue along Howertown Road that has become drastically worse over the past several years. The problem involves the lack of an adequate stormwater buffer along a large field in the Township. She further indicated that she and Mr. Frack met with PennDOT regarding this issue last Spring and PennDOT has performed some amount of pipe maintenance to try to redirect the water off of the road. She indicated that she has asked the Northampton County Conservation District and USDA to look at the issue. They have asked that the Township Engineer review the problem area and offer a recommendation due to the involvement of multiple property owners. Following some discussion, Mr. Holmes made a motion to authorize the Township Engineer to review the problem and develop a reasonable solution; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Frack commented regarding the Delli Santi property and the Cihylik property. He was concerned about the filling of cement related material. Mr. Frack questioned if Kohls Road should be considered for additional guiderail installation due to the recent tree removal by PPL. Mr. Frack updated the Board regarding the recent meeting with Pennsylvania State Police.

No further comments from the audience. Pursuant to Mr. Treadwell's request, the Board commenced into executive session to discuss potential litigation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart