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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 14, 2017

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday September 14, 2017 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 Larry Oberly.

Roll Call: Bruce Frack - Present; Larry Oberly - Present; Alfred Pierce - Present; Dale N. Hassler – Present; Gary Behler - Present; Robert Cox, P.E., P.L.S. (Barry Isett & Associates, Inc.) – Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr. Esq. - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart – Present

Public to be Heard: Mr. Don Knoll, Willow Green, asked if Fed Ex construction trucks were able to turn out of the driveway from Willowbrook Road to West Bullshead Road. The Board will look into it.

Bob Bysher, 1275 Weaversville Road, voiced concerns about traffic along Weaversville Road. He was concerned with the rezoning in East Allen Township proposed by the Rockefeller Group and the Airport Authority. He indicated he was told that all of the traffic would be funneled from East Allen Township into Willowbrook Road and therefore into Allen Township. He requested the Board considered tougher Zoning Ordinance amendments and stormwater regulations. He voiced concerns about the Fuller Trust suit against the Township. He felt that the traffic would eventually congest to the point that widening along Weaversville Road. He was concerned that this would impact his property due to the future right of way requirements and the threat of eminent domain. He was concerned with the abuse of the Airports power of eminent domain for economic development.

Mickey Philpott, Willow Green, questioned the approval of Radar Road to be extended to East Allen Township. Mr. Oberly confirmed that Radar Road is planned to end in a cul-de-sac short of the East Allen municipal boundary.

Chris Nagy, Seemsville Road, questioned if multi-municipal conversation were occurring for these proposed development projects.

Public Hearings: No public hearings.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Oberly who

abstained from voting on the meeting minutes dated August 10, as he was not in attendance for that meeting.

Reports

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

B. Solicitor: On file.

C. Engineer: On file.

i Stone Ridge Asphalt Paving: The Board would like to set up meeting with Mr. Livengood to discuss a resolution.

D. Code Enforcement: On file

E. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader: On file.

F. Fire Company: On file.

G. Emergency Management Coordinator: On file.

H. Parks: On file.

I. Nazareth Council of Government: On file. The UCC Appeals Board is looking for 2 individuals to fill vacancies. Individuals would need to have knowledge of the Building Code. The NazCog is also looking for volunteers for Animal Control.

J. First Regional Compost Authority: On file.

K. Stormwater: On file.

Unfinished Business

A. Northampton County 21st Century Open Space Initiative – Dog Park Phase II Improvement Grant Application – RESOLUTION 2017-018: Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-018 authorizing the submission of the grant application; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted

B. Savage/Hogan Way Intersection – Follow-up discussion: Mr. Oberly understood the concerns of the Engineer but was also concerned with the slope on Savage during winter conditions. He felt that if there is a site distance problem that can not be resolved, then perhaps the Board should consider making Hogan Way a One-Way In. He felt this would effect two houses. Mr. Hassler felt that the trees should be reviewed for site distance compliance and removed accordingly.

C. JW Development Northampton Business Center – Preliminary Land Development Plan (Applicant/Owner Jaindl Land Company/David M. Jaindl) – Grant of Extension of MPC Review Timeframe until November 27, 2017: Mr. Behler made a motion to grant the extension of time until November 27, 2017, seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

New Business

- A. Lehigh Valley Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Funding Application – Savage/Willowbrook Road Corridor - Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Improvements:** Ms. Eckhart reviewed some options of Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Improvements. Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to apply for the Lehigh Valley Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Funding for Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Improvements for the Savage/Willowbrook Road Corridor; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

- B. Wildlands Conservancy - Memorandum of Understanding Lehigh River Property Planning/Feasibility Assistance:** Mr. Frack made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to sign the Wildland Conservancy – Memorandum of Understanding for the Lehigh River Property Planning/Feasibility Assistance; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

- C. Brake Retarder Prohibition Request – SR 3019 (Cherryville Road):** A resident requested to have Brake Retarder Prohibition request and contacted PennDOT. PennDOT requires the Township make the request. Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to make a list of the Roads that should be requested to have Brake Retarder Prohibition to be submitted to PennDOT; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

- D. LSA Monroe Application – Fire Equipment RESOLUTION 2017-019:** Mr. Pierce made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-019; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes, with the exception of Mr. Hassler who abstained.

- E. 2018 Non-Uniformed Defined Benefit Pension - Minimum Municipal Obligation:** Ms. Eckhart stated the amount that is required to be placed into the Budget for 2018. Mr. Behler made a motion to accept the Minimum Municipal Obligation report; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

- F. LSA Monroe Application – Salt Storage Shed RESOLUTION 2017-020:** Mr. Hassler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-020; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Public to be Heard: Ed Diechmeister, Sipos Dr, requested the planting of more mature trees at the Dog Park.

Mr. Pierce made a motion to purchase 2 mature trees at a cost of no more than \$1000 each; seconded by Mr. Hassler. Ms. Eckhart questioned if the trees have warranties. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Ms. Eckhart stated that building shade structures were part of the Dog Park Phase II improvements.

Next Meetings

- ◆ Planning Commission, Monday, September 18, 2017 7:00 PM @ Allen Township Fire Company Building, 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, PA 18067
- ◆ Board of Supervisors, Tuesday, September 26th, 2017 7:00 PM

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart