



Allen Township Supervisors

4714 Indian Trail Road

Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067

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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 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 Bruce Frack.

Roll Call: Bruce Frack - Present; Dale N. Hassler – Present; Alfred Pierce – Present; Larry Oberly - Present; Gary Behler - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Brien Kocher, P.E. (Hanover Engineering Associates). – Present; and Ilene Eckhart – Present.

Public Hearings: No scheduled public hearings.

Public to be Heard: Barbara Sommers, Hogan Way, voiced concerns regarding Willowbrook Road traffic and closures.

Merit Snyder, Hogan Way, voiced concerns regarding the regarding the Willowbrook construction and any potential limitation on lanes or closures.

Mike Tomsic, of Willow Ridge Apartments, complained about 323 McNair Drive, parking on the sidewalk along McNair Drive. Mr. Tomsic clarified that the resident parks on the sidewalk and does not pull completely into his driveway. Mr. Pierce noted that this was a violation of the Motor Vehicle Code and enforceable by the State Police.

Mr. Mickey Philpott voiced concerns regarding Willowbrook Road construction traffic.

Barbara Sommers, Hogan Way, voiced concerns regarding blocking of fire hydrants.

Richard Novak, Willow Green, voiced safety concerns for the motoring public along Willowbrook Road. He further voiced concerns regarding much needed forwarning to motorists.

Donald Noll, Willow Green, voiced safety concerns regarding Work Zone Safety camera legislation. He further voiced concern regarding the Board's approval and the promise that the road is not to be closed. He felt a closure would be a financial benefit to the contractor and monies saved should be paid to the Township.

Unfinished Business

A. Willowbrook Road Construction Work – Maintenance of Traffic (Fed Ex Land Development and Rockefeller Subdivision Improvements) Status of Traffic Study Request: Ms. Eckhart reported that Alston Construction (the Site Superintendent for the Willowbrook Road Improvement work associated with the Rockefeller Industrial Subdivision) proposes they will produce a Plan, Schedule Detour Options for the Board to review within the next several weeks. In the meantime, they will continue to maintain current conditions, two lanes accessible with periodic flagged traffic to one lane under certain conditions with approval from the Township. She further noted they will request posting speed limit signs along the roadway through the construction zone from the Board. They will utilize temporary 25-MPH regulatory speed limit signage coupled with a radar sign.

B. Stone Ridge, Phase 2, Pedestrian Easement: Mr. Kocher indicated that the Board imposed a condition for the installation of a pedestrian easement between Lot 22 and 23 and the associated stormwater pipe. Mr. Behler asked if the developer is required to place stone or macadam. Mr. Oberly felt that the path should be connected to the sidewalk. Mr. Hassler did not feel that the pedestrian easement/path should be maintained by the property owners. Mr. Treadwell interjected the path should be maintained by the Commercial lot. The Board felt that the commercial lot owner benefited from the easement being there. Mr. Behler made a motion to make the path way between lots 22 and 23 to be owned and maintained by the owner of the commercial lot along Rt. 329 frontage; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Willow Ridge, Security Reconciliation: Ms. Eckhart presented a reconciliation of the remaining security and improvements pursuant to the Board's request.

D. PennDOT Winter Services Agreement – Modifications to document executed by Board submitted by PennDOT: Ms. Eckhart indicated that PennDOT has submitted a revised form agreement, even though the Board executed the document they originally submitted. The new agreement will be reviewed by the Solicitor for alterations to the document which was executed.

E. Request for Extension, Temporary Storage Trailer – Mud Lane: Cheryl Daumer, 159 Mud Lane, requested the Board's consideration to extend the temporary trailer permit. Mr. Pierce requested to describe the trailer. Ms. Daumer described the trailer as a 45' long x 8' wide size and is stored with various spare truck parts and tires. Ms. Daumer asked for a six month maximum extension. She is in the process of obtaining a permit for the construction of the new garage which she will then move the spare parts and miscellaneous items into the new building. Mr. Oberly made a motion to extend the temporary storage trailer permit for six months; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Behler who voted no.

F. Litigation – Request for Executive Session: Mr. Treadwell requested a short executive session to discuss the sewer litigation.

New Business

A. North Hills, Section B, Phase 2 – Final Plan: Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the motion revision condition #1 to delete the wording "comments not yet contained in written correspondence" and the revision to #13 pertaining to the house numbering subject to the review and

approval of the emergency services; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Clater voiced concerns regarding the County's proposed replacement of the Willowbrook Road bridge, which is associated with the Rockefeller Industrial Subdivision. He indicated as a taxpayer he objected to the County paying for a bridge that has already been part of a Township approval which requires replacement through private funding.

The Board held a brief executive session to discuss a litigation matter. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart
Manager