



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, December 28, 2010**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, December 28, 2010, 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 Eckhart – Present; and Brien Kocher P.E. - Absent.

**Public Hearings:** No scheduled public hearings.

**Public to be Heard:** No comments from the audience.

### **Unfinished Business**

- A. Allen Woods Phase II, Maintenance Security Release Request: Ms. Eckhart indicated that the developer has made the \$500 payment for the street light. Mr. Frack made a motion to release the remaining maintenance security; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.
- B. Towpath Estates, Security Reduction: Ms. Eckhart indicated Hanover Engineering has reviewed the request and has recommended a release of security of \$700,219.65 for the construction of improvement items. Following some discussion, Mr. Holmes made a motion to release \$700,219.65 pursuant to Hanover Engineering's letter of December 22, 2010; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

- C. Covered Bridge Park: Mr. Pierce indicated that he spoke to Mr. Wasyl Mauser and he is interested in establishing a driveway access to the Township's park land near the existing PennDOT bridge on Kreidersville Road. Mr. Mauser would perform the necessary construction for the alternate access but would like the Township to obtain the highway occupancy permit. Mr. Mauser agreed that the existing playground equipment could be considered to be moved from the existing Kreidersville Playground to the bridge park area in this new access road location. Following some discussion, Mr. Pierce made a motion to authorize the Township Engineer to analyze what would be necessary to obtain a PennDOT permit in this area and proceed with the necessary plan to obtain this permit and to move the playground equipment from the Kreidersville Park to the Covered Bridge Park; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes. Ms. Eckhart raised concerns that PennDOT required widening along with the permit for the residential
- D. 2011 Budget: Mr. Holmes made a motion to adopt the 2011 Budget as published for public inspection; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.
- E. Savage Road Dog Park/ Northampton County Land: Ms. Eckhart indicated that the presentation has been made to the Committee has received their recommendation to the County Council. Ms. Eckhart indicated she would be making the presentation to the County in January 2011. She indicated that the Property Management Agreement must be executed between the County, the Township and DCNR must approve the document. This agreement and approval from DCNR is necessary because Rails to Trails funding was utilized to acquire the property by the County initially.
- F. Kreidersville Park, further discussion regarding sale: Mr. Holmes felt before the Board moves forward on the removal of the equipment that Mr. Kocher should determine if a PennDOT permit at the Covered Bridge Park may be attained. Mr. Pierce was not in favor of delaying the courts approval to sell the Kreidersville Park, even if the Board decides to not sell the land. The Board agreed Mr. Treadwell should continue with approval from the Court to sell the property.

**Public to be Heard:** Mr. Pierce was concerned that the lands for the detention pond at the Summerglenn Subdivision are on the tax sale list. Mr. Pierce felt perhaps the Board should make an attempt to acquire the property. Mr. Treadwell indicated that he spoke to Attorney Spadoni who represents the County Tax Claim Department and has explained that there is an active bankruptcy proceeding. Mr. Pierce felt in any case it needed be straightened out. Mr. Pierce felt it should be made part of the subdivision bond default legal proceeding. Mr. Treadwell felt that the Board may be able to file a resolution with the County to acquire title to the property and perhaps circumvent the tax sale process. Following some discussion, in any case, the Board agreed that since the lot is integral to the storm water management system, the lot should be acquired by the Township. Mr. Treadwell is to draft a letter to the County explaining the background of the lot, requesting the Township will take title of the lot if the County waives the taxes owed on the property.

Mr. Frack voiced concerns regarding the dumpster at the Howertown Park. He felt during the winter months it should be removed. Following some discussion, the Board felt it should be left in place if it appeared to not be being abused by the public.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart  
Manager