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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 28, 2015

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 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; Dale N. Hassler – Present; Alfred Pierce – Present; Larry Oberly - Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Brien Kocher, PE (Hanover Engineering Associates). – Present; and Ilene Eckhart – Present.

Public Hearings: Ordinance #2015-05 will be discussed later in the meeting.

Public to be Heard: Ms. Caruso, a resident from the area of 103 Gray Drive, voiced concerns regarding the storm water issues taking place since rain even of July 18th, 2015. She indicated that the issue has occurred since the grading taking place by the Apartment developer. The Board authorized the Township Engineer to review this issue and report back as to his findings.

Brian Hoenig of 19 Country Road and a resident of 17 Country Road received a letter about grass and weeds overgrowing in the back of their property in the swale. Mr. Hoenig provide some photographs and a brief history of what was necessary to establish the swale. He felt it there was a periodic water course which ran through the swale and that it could not be managed as a typical lawn due to the water impact. In addition, the Board authorized the Township Engineer to review this issue and report back as to his findings.

Christine Kypridakes of 133 Walker Drive voiced concerns about construction in the Quarry Hill Estates development and the lack of speed limit signs on Walker Drive. Mrs. Kypridakes is also concerned about sidewalks and other unfinished work within the Quarry Hill Estates development. Mr. Hassler indicated that he went out to look at the property and suggested a stop sign at Hayes Lane and Walker Drive to make it a three-way stop and also to install a 25 MPH Speed Limit sign. After a

lengthy discussion, the Board directed the Township Engineer, Township Manager, Public Works Crew Leader and Mr. Hassler to study the traffic and make a recommendation.

Unfinished Business

A. Presentation – NA Studios – New Township Website: Mr. Robert Bysher, NA Studios provided a presentation of the new website.

B. North Hills Update: Mr. Kocher provided an update regarding the North Hills erosion and sedimentation report. Attorney Ron Cockery, representing Jeff Kocher, questioned the installation of the dry wells. Mr. Cockery voiced concerns that the Northampton County Conservation District approved plans do not match what is done on the property. Mr. Jeff Kocher voiced the concerns regarding the impact of stormwater from the North Hills development on his adjacent property. Mr. Tepes replied that he is working with the Northampton County Conservation District to resolve the matter.

C. Willow Ridge Improvements Reconciliation: Ms. Eckhart discussed the improvements that are currently being completed and need to be completed. Following some discussion, Mr. Frack made a motion to proceed with bidding the ID2 Wearing Course in the Willow Ridge Singles and Twins Section; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. Delli Santi Associates, LLC – Lot #4 Horwith Subdivision – Planning Commission Recommendation – Paving Issues: Mr. Brian Gasda presented a request for a deferment of the required asphalt installation (paving) pursuant to the approved plan with the exception of the area in the vicinity of 100' from the office building and to the point in line with the corner of the shown handicapped parking space for a period of two years (of plan recording), with the appropriate plan note and that the plan is recorded with the those conditions prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy by the Township pursuant to the July 20, 2015 Planning Commission recommendation. Mr. Frack raised concern about existing macadam and runoff running south down Horwith Lane. Mr. Frack stressed that the swale needs to be reestablished. Mr. Gasda stated that all of the site work needs to be completed before the Certificate of Occupancy can be issued and Mr. Delli Santi is aware of such. Mr. Oberly made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

E. Ordinance #2015-05 – Firearms Regulation Amendment, public hearing: Mr. Hassler made a motion to open the hearing; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors voted yes. Mr. Treadwell provided a summary of the Draft Firearms Regulation Ordinance Amendment, as published. A question was asked about Pepper Spray. Mr. Treadwell responded that it is practically impossible to list every type of weapon. Mr. Frack made a motion to close the hearing; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Hassler made a motion to adopt the Ordinance #2015-05 as published, seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Oberly who voted no.

F. Fall Soccer – Field Use Request – Ms. Eckhart indicated that we charged \$125.00 to the Tri-Boro Soccer Association for the period which ran from March thru June. This was an interim measure. \$250.00 was charged in 2014 for the Spring and Fall Tri Boro seasonal rotation, prior to the

February 2015 rate increase. Mr. Hassler made a motion to grant the use for the fall use for \$125.00 for Tri Boro Soccer; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present vote yes with the exception of Messrs. Oberly and Frack who voted no. They are to be given a notice that there will be an increase for the next season.

New Business

A. Catasauqua Borough Sewer Standards – correspondence requesting consideration to adopt: Ms. Eckhart discussed the correspondence from Catasauqua regarding an Inter-Municipal Sewer Agreement and associated sewer standards which Catasauqua requests the Township implement prior to the commencement of a formal Inter-Municipal Agreement. Mr. Oberly made a motion that the Solicitor, Engineer and Township Manager review and bring recommendations to the Board regarding the implementation of the requested standards; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Northampton Industrial Park – Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plan Submissions, grant of extension of review until December 29, 2015: Ms. Eckhart discussed the Planning Commission recommendation to grant the extension. Mr. Hassler made a motion to grant the extension until December 29, 2015 as offered by the applicant; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. Northampton Industrial Traffic Scoping Meeting Minutes/Application to PennDOT and correspondence received warehouse development traffic (East Allen and Hanover Township, Northampton County): Ms. Eckhart explained some disparity in TIS Scoping minutes and application to what was actually discussed and what is proposed to be submitted to PennDOT in draft received from consulting engineer (Dimmerling Consulting) via email yesterday. In addition, she noted correspondence received from East Allen, Hanover Township (Northampton County) and Northampton Borough reflect concerns for roadways in their jurisdictions were received and that the oral comments these parties made at the Scoping Meeting were not included in the Scoping Minutes. Ms. Eckhart requested formal authorization to write an independent response to PennDOT. Mr. Oberly made a motion to authorize Ms. Eckhart to write an independent response to PennDOT; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

D. Comprehensive Plan Revision and Service of Planner – Planning Commission Recommendation: Ms. Eckhart discussed the recommendation of the Planning Commission to hire, by contract, a Planner to assist with an update to the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Oberly made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to move forward with acquiring the service of a planner (either via RFP or fee for service arrangement with the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission) when appropriate; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

E. Report of Zoning Appeal Received – LVTA Addition to Parking Area – Impervious Coverage Relief: Ms. Eckhart reported on the LVTA Zoning Hearing Board Request. Ms. Eckhart will return with additional information at the next meeting so the Board can determine if they would like to take a position regarding the application. This item was tabled until the next Board meeting.

F. Yard Waste Drop Off – Contaminant Dumping/Access Control Proposal: Ms. Eckhart presented quotes for security fencing and a gated access unit.

The Board announced they would hold a brief executive session to discuss potential land acquisition and personnel following adjournment. Mr. Eugene Clater, Snow Hill Road, suggested re-implementation of the earlier system whereby the gate was opened for extended hours on meeting evenings, as well as normal daytime hours. He indicated that FRCA did have weekend hours (Saturday) in accordance with their current schedule. He felt eventually the residents would adjust. Following the suggestions discussion, the Board agreed to discuss the matter further at a subsequent meeting.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart
Manager