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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 9, 2017

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday November 9th, 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; Daniel Spengler Esq. (sitting in for B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr. Esq.) - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart – Present

Public to be Heard:

A. Presentation: Allen Township Lehigh River Properties - Lauren Golden, Trail and Stewardship Manager, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor, Inc.: Ms. Golden gave an overview of the D&L National Heritage Corridor. Ms. Golden provided a brief history. Ms. Golden discussed Lock 5 and the history of canal relative to the properties owned or leased by Allen Township along the Lehigh River

B. Zoning Change Request R1 to IC – Trinkle Property: Mr. Bryan Beale was present to discuss the property owners intentions to request the rezoning of acres tax map parcel #L4-5-16D. Mr. Beale indicated that he would like to submit for the December 2017 Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Oberly indicated he was not interested in considering a zoning change for this area. Mr. Behler is not interested in doing any zoning changes not already addressed in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Hassler agreed with Mr. Behler. Mr. Beale questioned the reasoning. Mr. Hassler stated the residents did not want any more commercial zoned land in the Township per the Comprehensive Plan Update Survey.

Public Hearings: No Public Hearings.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Hassler made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Behler who abstained from the minutes of October 12th due to his absence.

Reports

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

B. Solicitor: On file.

C. Engineer: On file.

i **Rockefeller Development Group Industrial Subdivision – Release #8** - Mr. Cox indicated there are remaining items that need to be addressed before the release should be considered. Mr. Cox will present the findings to the Township and return to the Board with a recommendation (if appropriate).

D. Code Enforcement: On file.

E. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader:

i. **Call In Snowplowing Drivers – Recommended List:** Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the list with Gerald Montanari removed as of December 31, 2017; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

ii. **Class B CDL Training/License (J. Beltz):** Mr. Hassler made a motion for the Township to support Mr. Beltz in acquiring his Class B CDL License; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

F. Fire Company: On file.

H. Emergency Management Coordinator: On file.

I. Parks: On file.

J. Nazareth COG Report: On file.

K. First Regional Compost Authority: On file.

L. Stormwater: On file.

Unfinished Business

A. Allen Township Lehigh River Properties Master Plan – Status of Northampton County Community Improvement Partnership Planning Grant: Ms. Eckhart informed the Board of the status of the Grant Approval.

B. 2018 Draft Budget – Authorization to Advertise for Public Inspection: Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize the Township Manager to Advertise the 2018 Draft Budget for Public Inspection; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

New Business

A. Dog Park – Tree Donation: Mr. Hassler made a motion to authorize a letter of appreciation to Mr. Diechmeister and the tree provider for the donation of the trees; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Resolution 2017-21 Prohibiting a Category 4 Mini Casino in Allen Township: Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-21 Prohibiting a Category 4 Mini-Casino in Allen Township; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. PPL Encroachment Agreement – Rt. 329 Infiltration Area: Mr. Behler made a motion to authorize The Chairman to sign the PPL Encroachment Agreement; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

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Mr Gerald Montanari Sr., Tomahawk Trail, requested a definitive answer where the trucks could and could not travel within the Township. He stated the frustration from the perspective of the truck driver. Mr. Oberly stated there is not a definitive map regarding that issue at this time.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart