



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, March 10, 2011**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, March 10, 2011, 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: Paul Balliet - Absent; William Holmes- Present; Alfred Pierce - Present; Michelle Drzewiecki – Present; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; Ilene M. Eckhart – Present; Brien Kocher PE (Hanover Engineering) - Present.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Brian Haus, East Allen Township raised concern regarding the current use of the Hafner garages on Barkley Drive. He indicated there was a lot of loud activity and various cars being dropped at the building. Following some discussion, Mr. Treadwell indicated that a potential zoning violation is currently being investigated.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Drzewiecki made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

### Reports

**A. Treasurer:** Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Solicitor:** On file.

i. Northampton Borough Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement negotiations, executive session: Mr. Treadwell requested that the Board hold an executive session at the end of the meeting to further discuss the sewer agreement negotiations with the Borough of Northampton.

**C. Engineer:** On file.

i. Residences at Willow Ridge Preliminary/Final Plan: Mr. Kocher indicated that the newly submitted plans twenty additional white pine trees just outside of the PPL easement area. The

developer is offering additional buffer screen in the form of white pine plantings. These plantings are in addition to what is being provided on the previous plan. Following some discussion, the Board directed some form of Fir (6-8') should be presented as an alternative. Regarding the open space throughout the apartment will be proposed as some form of natural ground cover upon the Planning Commissions development of the specific type of planting. Mr. Pierce was concerned with the stormwater management areas and the areas around the Dry Run Creek. Mr. Pierce felt that whatever is decided it should be integrated between the Willow Ridge – Omega lots and the areas that Franklin will be responsible for.

Following some further discussion, Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve the Subdivision/Land Development Plan entitled “The Residences at Willow Ridge” subject to the conditions contained in the Hanover Engineering letter of review dated March 9, 2011; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

ii. Willow Ridge Sewer: Mr. Kocher indicated that the developer has requested that the Supervisors allow for a reduction in the number of tapping fees required, as they believe apartments use less water and generally less sewer. He further indicated that the developer has submitted data that demonstrates supporting documentation regarding a reduction of one-third. Following some discussion, the Board indicated they could not consider the reduction request at this time due to several factors including the Intermunicipal Sewer Service Agreement with the Borough of Northampton.

iii. Horwith Hokendauqua Pump Station: Ms. Eckhart reported on behalf of Mr. Uhnak regarding the recent problem of infiltration of oil substance at the station. Mr. Pierce felt that the Board should review the revisions for Industrial connections. Ms. Eckhart indicated a manhole on the Horwith run was damaged and it is believed that some of the oily material entered the system through this area. Following some discussion, Mr. Pierce felt that the sewage issue needs to be enforced for industrial flows in this instance, the property owners put on notice of the violations, the property owner billed for the repair and fined if appropriate.

**D. Zoning Officer:** On file.

**E. Code Enforcement:** On file.

**F. Road Superintendent/Public Work Director:** On file.

**G. Fire Company:** On file.

**H. Parks:** On file.

## **Unfinished Business**

A. North Hills, Section B, Phase I, Resubdivision of Lots 184-185, extension of time for review (expires March 31, 2011): Mr. Holmes made a motion to accept the extension granted by the applicant to extend the period for review through April 30, 2011; seconded by Mrs. Drzewiecki. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

- B. Update regarding Savage Road Trail Spur/Dog Park – mailing, special meeting, etc.: Mr. Frack reported that the Special Meeting has been scheduled for March 24, 2011 to receive public input regarding the proposed project.

### **New Business**

**Public to be Heard:** No further comments.

The Board held an executive session to discuss the Northampton Borough Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement and the Willow Green Litigation issues. No action taken regarding the Northampton Borough Agreement. The Board directed the Solicitor which items to pursue regarding the Willow Green litigation contained in the March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. report. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart