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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES Thursday, March 10, 2016

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, March 10, 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; Larry Oberly - Present; Alfred Pierce - Present; Dale N. Hassler - Present; Gary Behler - Present; Brien Kocher, PE - Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart - Present

Public to be Heard: Cindy Miller, addressed the Board concerning her bid for the office of State Representative.

Public Hearings: No public hearings.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Oberly made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2016 as presented, seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Reports

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

B. **Solicitor:** On file.

i. **Towpath Estates, Expiration of Financial Security (March 22, 2016):**

Mr. Oberly made a motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to draw down the security if not renewed by the financial institution; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

C. **Engineer:** On file.

i. Dry Run Riparian Area, Background of Stormwater Management Area

Dedication and Northampton County Repository issue: Mr. Kocher provided a background explanation of the Summer Glen Lot #127 which was intended to be dedicated to the Township. Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Oberly made a motion to acquire the property from the County, the Wildlands Conservancy or another adjacent property owner; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Frack.

D. Zoning Officer: On file.

E. Code Enforcement: On file.

F. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader: On file.

G. Fire Company: On file.

H. Emergency Management Coordinator: On file.

I. Nazareth COG Report: No meeting in February.

J. Parks: On file.

i. St. John's UCC – request to utilize Howertown Park – March 20th Easter Egg Hunt: Mr. Hassler made a motion to allow the church to use the park as requested; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

ii. Parks, Recreation and Open Space Comprehensive Plan – progress report: Ms. Eckhart stated the next meeting is March 30, 2016. There will be a focus group April 8, 2016 with the active adult community and also with youth sports (April 11, 2016) to receive input for plan. The group is also coordinating with the Northampton library to schedule interviews with elementary children for their opinions of parks.

K. First Regional Compost Authority: Mr. Oberly reported the meeting scheduled for February was postponed.

L. Stormwater

i. River House Property – Meadow Plantings/Duck Boxes: Ms. Eckhart requested the Board's consideration to convert a one-acre area of turf grass at the property to meadow mix and install ten duck boxes on the property which were received as a donation. She indicated this type of planting in this area would act as a test plot for other future areas to be converted. Mr. Oberly made a motion to proceed with the meadow mix planting and the duck boxes; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

Unfinished Business

A. East Allen Township – request for meeting Northampton Industrial Park HOP: Ms. Eckhart explained the request of East Allen Township to meet with Allen Township regarding Northampton Industrial Park and any associated applications for highway occupancy permit

from PennDOT. The Board agreed by consensus to meet with East Allen Township, but at this time, there is no further information to discuss. Ms. Eckhart will reach out to East Allen and make them aware we do not have and submitted plans.

New Business

A. Replacement of Air Conditioner with Ductless Air Conditioning System, approval to proceed: Mr. Oberly made a motion to advertise for bids for the system that would include two indoor units in 2 areas, the meeting room and front office and one unit in back office with one outdoor unit for each area (explained in Option #2 of the original quotation); seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

B. Howertown Road Stormwater Erosion (Dry Run): Mr. Hassler recapped the meeting with Mr. David Jaindl concerning the issue along the swale along the former Cesanek farm property. Mr. Jaindl realized the problem and committed to reshaping the swale and creating a berm southeast of the homesite on the property to alleviate the stormwater issue effecting Howertown Road.

Public to be Heard: Mr. Gene Clater, Snow Hill Road, complained regarding First Regional Compost Authority service and material quality. Mr. Clater further commented regarding the East Allen Township request for a meeting to discuss traffic issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart