



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, April 14, 2011**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, April 14, 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 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 M. Eckhart - Present; Brien Kocher PE (Hanover Engineering) - Present.

Public to be Heard:

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. High Meadow Estates, Plan Revisions, extension of time to review (expires April 14, 2011): Mr. Pierce made a motion to grant the extension of time to review the High Meadow Estates, Plan Revisions until July 13, 2011; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

ii. North Hills, Section B, Phase I Lots 184/185: Mr. Louis Tepes Jr. and Attorney Emil Kantra, were present to respond to the Township Engineer's letter of review comments dated March 14, 2011. Following some discussion Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the plan pursuant to the comments contained in the March 14<sup>th</sup> letter; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**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. City of Bethlehem, PUC expansion area request for water service in areas of Allen Township: Mr. Brong and Stephen Repasch, presented the initial submission to the PUC that pertained to the High Meadow Estates project in Allen Township. He asked the Board to consider a territory expansion of the City of Bethlehem's water system in Allen Township. Mr. Brong indicated that Bethlehem plans to put forth an application for extension to the PUC. Mr. Pierce indicated that there was a discussion with NBMA and the crux of the conversation provided for service to NBMA in the area west of Howertown Road and south of Howertown and Kohls Road. He indicated he did not object to commit this area to NBMA. Mr. Balliet questioned the status of East Allen's negotiations. Mr. Brong indicated that they have an agreement with East Allen Township and they are in the process of finalizing an Intermunicipal Agreement with East Allen Township. On the question from Mr. Holmes regarding the timing to address the situation in East Allen Gardens, dependent on grant funding for upgrades to the distribution system and the associated roadways, he felt two years would be likely. Mr. Holmes questioned if it is necessary to commence repairs prior to that time, what would occur? Mr. Brong indicated that the City would need to commit resources if the timeframe to address the system occurs earlier.

B. Savage Road Trail Spur/Dog Park Project, review comments from public meeting, discuss status of property maintenance agreement with Northampton County, timeframe to complete project: Ms. Eckhart presented the summary of comments received from the public meeting held on March 24, 2011. Mr. Frack felt that one of the items discussed was moving the location of the dog park area to the northern side of the tract. Mr. Frack indicated that the key card and permitting system was discussed. Mr. Treadwell reported that the property management agreement has been drafted and sent to the County for review. Mr. Holmes voiced concern regarding the continuing maintenance for the dog park area. Mrs. Drzewiecki was concerned that we need to come with a cost to maintain the project if it is built. Mr. Holmes was concerned that people do not abide by the County's rules regarding No Pet on the trail – this rule is broken regularly. He felt we needed to come with a way, and possible it is to place the dog park area in the northern location, to direct people to the dog park area from the county

trail. Mr. Balliet indicated he had the same reservations but he would like to see more public support ongoing maintenance and interest in the project.

Patricia Yost, indicated she was at the special meeting regarding the Dog Park. She felt the suggestion that some users pay a different fee than other users would be a good way to cover some of the cost of maintenance of the park.

### **New Business**

A. Earned Income Tax Ordinance: Mr. Pierce made motion to authorize publication of the draft earned income tax ordinance provided by the County including the provisions for non-resident collection; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**Public to be Heard:** Anthony Karam, Saw Grass Drive complained about the litter along West Bullshead, East Bullshead and Willowbrook Road. He asked for something to be done by the Township. Mr. Pierce questioned where he thinks the trash originates? Mr. Karam indicated he was unsure. Patricia Yost, voiced concern as well. Mr. Karam indicated he contacted Senator Browne's office and they were told there is a liability issue for that type of activity. Mrs. Drzewiecki indicated that perhaps the School would be willing to help coordinate some help from the students to perform cleanup. Ms. Eckhart will send a letter to the Superintendent of the Catasauqua School to make this request. Mr. Lalik (Fire Chief) indicated that he would provide Fire Police and signage for the cleanup activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart