



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES Thursday, April 14, 2016

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Thursday, April 14, 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; Dan O'Donnell Esq. - Present; and Ilene M. Eckhart – Present

**Public to be Heard:** Stephen Kypridakes, Walker Drive, commented regarding the speeding in the neighborhood. He appreciated the stop signs recently installed. He indicated that a car appeared to be traveling 45 MPH through the development. He indicated he would have been hit if he was in the road at that time. He requested some engineering solution.

Christine Kypridakes, Walker Drive, also voiced similar concerns. She indicated the entire community was enraged by the event and noted the issues on social media. She requested the Board's assistance. Mrs. Kypridakes requested speed humps or making the road a one-way street.

The Board indicated they would investigate the matter but couldn't promise an ultimate solution to the complaint. Mr. Hassler indicated that he would be attending the upcoming PSATS convention "Traffic Calming" seminar.

Lynn Snyder, Phyllese Drive, voiced concerns regarding the current noise ordinance and enforcement of the ordinance. He indicated last year his neighbors had a 4<sup>th</sup> of July party and it was exceeding loud. He indicated that the music was so loud that it drowned out the television in the home. He indicated that there were also fireworks at this property. He questioned under the current ordinance. The Board advised the State Police should be contacted if disturbing the peace. Mr. Frack indicated that the Code Enforcement Officer could send a letter in advance of the holidays to attempt to avert the issue this year.

**Public Hearings:** No public hearings.

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

## **Reports**

**A. Treasurer:** Mr. Hassler 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.

**C. Engineer:** On file.

**i. Stone Ridge, John Drive Improvements Plan:** Mr. David Shulman and Tom Deilly was present on behalf of the developer Tim Livengood to discuss the proposed plan.

Mr. Frack interjected that the main concern is that John Drive and the interior paving is not occurring, which he felt were the main concern of the Board.

Mr. Deilly responded to Hanover Engineering's letter of review dated April 13, 2016:

Item #2 – regarding the unimproved alley along John Drive and Joseph Road to Savage Road to the satisfaction of the Township Solicitor. Mr. Deilly indicated that from the paper street was not an issue. Mr. Pierce was confused if John Drive would touch the paper alley. Mr. Deilly stated that the curbing and sidewalk would be on the right a way of John Drive.

Item #3 – regarding the overlay of John Drive, Mr. Shulman indicated that it was not the developer's intention to provide an overlay of the entire John Drive (with the new widening). Mr. Livengood felt that John Drive was not built to any standard and an overlay would be wasted. Mr. Livengood indicated the shoulders would be built to the current standard. Mr. Pierce questioned if the middle section (which was sub-standard). Mr. Kocher indicated that John Drive was built to a lesser width but not a lesser standard. This was due to the interim nature of John Drive (when built by Joseph Keglovits). Upon review of the Phase II Atlas Estates Subdivision Plan, Mr. Kocher confirmed that John Drive was constructed to the modern Township street standard.

Item #5 – radi of the roadway is to the greateast extenet available.

Item #6 - regarding stormwater. Mr. Shulman proposed a gutter flow to the inlet. Mr. Kocher requested that this be reviewed again.

Item #11 - regarding the pedestrian ramp type and update the curb ramp detail to reflect the actual conditions, Mr. Pierce questioned the depressed curb. The question was where it is to be placed. Mr. Pierce felt that the ramp should be placed and constructed correctly with the standard in-place today. The Board agreed with Mr. Pierce regarding this item.

Item #14 - regarding the crosswalk across Joseph Road along the northerly side of John Drive and should there be a curb depression or handicap accessible ramp. Following a lengthy discussion, the Board requested the Township Engineer review this situation to make it work. Mr. Kocher concurred and he will meet with Mr. Deilly to review and report back to the Board.

Regarding the matter of which was before the Planning Commission in March 2016, whereby the Commission felt that the two extensions of the Northern leg of Graystone Circle (to a location approximately west of the proposed rain garden) should be terminated with a cul-de-sac, and then a connection between both cul-de-sacs shall be constructed as a temporary connector road.

ii. **Lehigh Township Stormwater Ordinance Amendment:** Mr. Kocher indicated that he reviewed the new ordinance for consistency with Allen's Ordinance. He indicated that the Lehigh ordinance is consistent with Allen's current ordinance other than the provision for flat bottom infiltration. He further requested the Board's authorization for the Township Engineer to review stormwater regulations with the modern MS4 regulations. Mr. Behler made a motion to allow the Engineer to review the stormwater regulations and advise on changes that need to be made to meet the standards; seconded by Mr. Hassler. 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 Works Leader:** On file.

i. **2016 Road Improvements:** Mr. Oberly made a motion to proceed with the roads identified with the exception of John Drive; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

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

**H. Emergency Management Coordinator:** On file.

**I. Nazareth COG Report:** No meeting in March.

**J. Parks:** On file.

i. **Lehigh River Properties, Implementation/Stewardship Plan – DCNR Funding Request – Contract Addendum to Comprehensive Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan:** Mr. Pierce made a motion we proceed with the pilot for a contract addendum request up to \$10,000 for a special purpose study for the Lehigh River properties; seconded by Mr. Oberly. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**K. First Regional Compost Authority:** Mr. Oberly stated the next meeting in next Tuesday April 19, 2016.

- L. Stormwater**  
**i. MS4 Training Scheduled – May 4, 2016**

**Unfinished Business**

- A. Standby Generator Project, Status of Grant Application/Request to Proceed with Project:** Ms. Eckhart stated that the grants applied for have stalled due to budget issues in Harrisburg. Ms. Eckhart asked the Board if they would like to proceed with the project or wait until the grants are approved. The consensus of the Board is to wait until July to revisit.
- B. Authorization to Proceed with Computer Replacement/Upgrades:** Mr. Oberly made a motion to proceed with the Computer Replacement and Upgrades; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- C. Resolution #2016-07 Designation of Agent Resolution FEMA-4267-DR Winterstorm Jonas:** Mr. Hassler made a motion to adopt Resolution #2016-07 to Designate Ms. Eckhart as the Agent; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

**New Business**

- A. Road Crew Laborer Position:** Mr. Oberly made a motion to approve a conditional offer of employment to Mr. John Beltz to the laborer position at the rate of \$17.00; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- B. Request for Zoning Map Change – Northampton Industrial Park:** Mr. Oberly made a motion to reject the request; seconded by Mr. Hassler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception Mr. Frack who voted no.

**Public to be Heard:** Mr. Jay Hower, Indian Trail Road, asking about Howertown Road bridge, requested an update regarding PennDOT. Mr. Frack stated that the Township had no information on this bridge. Ms. Eckhart will try to contact PennDOT again.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart