# **Allen Township Board of Supervisors**



# Meeting Minutes February 14, 2023 6:00 P.M.

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Allen Township Fire Company Building, located at 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, PA. Mr. Hassler led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### 1. Roll Call:

<u>Present:</u> Dale Hassler; Gary Behler; Tim Paul; Paul Link; Jason Frack; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq; Ilene Eckhart, Manager; Maurin Ritinski, Administrative Assistant; Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME; and Tom Gogle, Public Works Crew Leader

Absent: Andrea Martin, EIT

- 2. Announcements and/or Actions to Add New Items to Current Agenda: Ms. Eckhart indicated that there are two appointments for consideration listed under the reports section on the agenda.
- **3. Public Hearings:** No public hearings.
- 4. Public to be Heard: Bob Walsh, 1729 Weaversville Road, expressed his opposition to the subdivision of 700 Savage Road. He stated that the property contains a filled in quarry that closely neighbors parks, homes and a cemetery. Mr. Walsh stated that Mr. Krill had previously spoke of his concerns regarding traffic and truck traffic and that Mr. Behler had previously spoke of his concerns regarding a landlocked parcel and easement concerns. Mr. Walsh indicated that Mr. Austin had wanted to see the revised subdivision plan but was absent during the January Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Walsh explained that there were 60 residents in attendance at the Planning Commission meeting in January and that the Commission voted 2 to 1. Mr. Walsh feels that Mr. Austin would not have recommended the plan if he was in attendance at the January meeting. Mr. Walsh questioned if the review letter comments have been met. Mr. Walsh questioned the Board of Supervisors on what their thoughts were regarding the Planning Commission's vote of 2 to 1. Mr. Hassler indicated that the Board will be reserving their comments until the business item in the agenda. Mr. Walsh noted that there is a long history with this property. He requests that the Board consider imposing a traffic study and environmental study requirement prior to approving the subdivision plan. Mr. Walsh expressed concern for what blasting will do to neighboring properties. He also requested an independent review of the quarry fill material.

Boyd Moore, 40 Drexel Drive, requested that the Township consider imposing a no jake brake law within the Township. Mr. Moore stated that this can be done but that it would be a length process. Mr. Moore stated that he believes that the Township has many fears that they will be sued for various issues. He inquired of how Mr. Treadwell is paid. Mr. Hassler indicated that Mr. Treadwell has a set rate per hour for meetings and would also be paid for any time spent in court on behalf of the Township.

Mr. Moore proposes using money from warehouses to fight any litigation that may arise. Mr. Moore stated that he would be willing to pay higher taxes and a higher garbage bill in order to fight warehouse development. Mr. Moore proposed changing the zoning of industrial land to residential as he believes the industrial development decreases quality of life. Mr. Moore also requested that a local police department be considered. Ms. Eckhart indicated that she has again requested that PennDOT review all of the state roads within the Township to see if they meet PennDOT's requirements for jake brake restriction.

Sam Beedle, 1729 Weaversville Road, stated that this is a discussion regarding a warehouse although the Board only wants to talk about zoning. Ms. Beedle indicated that she saw plans for a warehouse that illustrated exits, entrances, and the number of parking spaces. She stated that a proposal is coming and that it is hard to only think about lines on a map. Ms. Beedle wanted to know how residents can support the Board of Supervisors to deny this plan and warehouse development.

Mr. Treadwell provided a history of events regarding this property. Mr. Treadwell reported that the Township began an update of the comprehensive plan. This process involved numerous meetings and the hiring of a consultant to draft the comprehensive plan. The draft comprehensive plan went through all of the steps necessary including public discussions with the committee, Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors. The comprehensive plan resulted in the suggestion of changing the zoning for 700 Savage Road from industrial to medium density residential (R2). This recommendation was made in the comprehensive plan. The Board of Supervisors initiated a zoning amendment with a map change in order to change 700 Savage Road from industrial to medium density residential. This zoning amendment went through the process of review and discussion from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and Allen Township Planning Commission. The Board of Supervisors scheduled a public hearing to obtain comment and adopt the zoning amendment and map change. This public hearing was scheduled for December 27, 2018. Prior to this meeting and the adoption of this zoning amendment and map change, the property owner submitted a plan that showed warehouses, an industrial use, on 700 Savage Road. Mr. Treadwell indicated that property owners are entitled to submit a plan at any time. The Board of Supervisors approved the zoning amendment. The property owner filed an appeal to the Northampton County Common Pleas Court challenging the zoning change of the property by indicating that this property was subject to the industrial zoning rules. The owner argued that the property was subject to the industrial zoning rules due to the zoning in place at the time of the application submission. A special council was appointed as the Hearing Officer. Mr. Treadwell reported that it was determined through the litigation process at the Court of Common Pleas that the industrial use plan was submitted prior to the zoning change and therefore the property was allowed to remain industrial. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the Township insurance company was involved with the litigation as well. The original plan submission from the property owner illustrated industrial uses on the entire property. Allen Township and the property owner entered into an agreement on October 25, 2021 that allowed industrial use on a portion of the property and allowed for a zoning change to R2 for the portion of the property closest to Atlas Road. Mr. Treadwell reported that this settlement agreement became an order of court. Mr. Treadwell explained that the settlement agreement is the law for this property for zoning purposes. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the plan in front of the Board tonight is a subdivision plan and there is no rezoning of the property. He further explained that this plan has been reviewed by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission and the Allen Township Planning Commission. Mr. Treadwell stated that the subdivision plan divides the lot into smaller lots and that there is no warehouse proposed on this plan. He noted that there is a high probability of a warehouse land development plan being submitted. Mr. Treadwell further explained that any land development plans

will be reviewed for compliance with ordinances, by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, and by the Allen Township Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Link questioned Mr. Treadwell of what would happen if the Board of Supervisors denied this subdivision plan. Mr. Treadwell stated that the review letter from the Township Engineer and the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission indicate that this subdivision plan is a "by-right plan" which meets the ordinance requirements. Mr. Treadwell noted that if the Board chooses to vote "no" on the sole reason that they just do not like the plan, then the Township will most likely lose any litigation. Mr. Treadwell indicated that if a land development plan does come in for a warehouse and the Board denies the plan due to fact that there is a warehouse depicted on the plan, then the Board of Supervisors would be in violation of a court order. Mr. Treadwell explained that the court would then likely impose sanctions for the violation of a court order.

Mr. Hassler provided a history of the southern portion of the Township throughout the years. He provided background on changes made in the southern portion of Allen Township by illustrating this though aerial images gathered from Google Earth. Mr. Hassler also provided a history of changes made to the Allen Township Zoning Map throughout the years. The Google Earth time-lapse images and Zoning Maps were portrayed on the projector screen for the public.

Kim Oshall, 3 Redwood Drive, questioned if the size of the warehouse can be limited. Ms. Oshall indicated that she prefers box trucks over tractor trailers. Mr. Treadwell explained that there is a maximum size noted in the settlement agreement and that the property owner can only fit a certain size building on the lot. He also explained that there are impervious coverage requirements and setback requirements that must be met for any land development plan that is submitted. Mr. Treadwell indicated that if a proposal meets the ordinance requirements then the plan cannot be denied. He explained that the as part of the process, the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors will discuss the proposed plan with the applicant.

Barrie Carr, 531 Pine Street, requested that the Board of Supervisors do whatever is in their power to improve the quality of life for residents. Mr. Carr noted that there are many empty warehouses and there is already an issue with trucks. He explained that the trucks are causing a minor annoyance now. Mr. Carr fears that if these warehouses become occupied then the truck problem will increase and described the situation as a nightmare. He reported occasions of tractor trailers driving on residential streets. Mr. Carr does not believe these roads are capable of handling an increase in truck traffic. He would like ordinances to be passed to limit trucks. Mr. Carr also suggested on working with PennDOT on this issue.

Beverly Moore, 40 Drexel Drive, thanked Ms. Eckhart for requesting that PennDOT consider jake brakes on the state roads. Ms. Moore would like the Township to keep requesting PennDOT if this request is denied. Ms. Moore believes it would be beneficial to residents even if only a small percentage of truck drivers comply with signage restricting the use of jake brakes. Ms. Moore stated that the Township has a noise ordinance that should be followed by truck drivers. She questioned the next steps that the Township will take if the subdivision plan is approved. Ms. Moore indicated she would like the process to be as difficult as possible and believes that industrial developers are bullying the Township. Mr. Treadwell explained that the Township follows the law and makes the property owner follow the law. He indicated that the Township is responsible for making sure any proposed plans meets all ordinance requirements. Mr. Treadwell again explained the process that will follow the submission of a land development plan. Ms. Moore questioned if there is a way for the Township to limit industrial

development in the future. Mr. Treadwell reported that there is not much industrial land left in Allen Township that has not already been developed.

Maggie Kemp, 8416 Seemsville Road, East Allen Township, stated that she believes the Township is being bullied by property owners with development plans. Ms. Kemp stated that the roads that are "cowpath roads" are now highways and not equipped to handle this volume of traffic. Ms. Kemp expressed her concern for safety when a truck breaks down on the road and there is no room for them to pull off to the side. She noted that the developers do not live in the area and that they do not understand the amount of truck traffic that they will be adding to roads in Allen Township.

Stefanie Green, 1512 Weaversville Road, believes that people do not move to the Lehigh Valley area to see warehouses. She believes they move to the Lehigh Valley for rural area, open spaces, and community. Ms. Green indicated that she is new to Allen Township and was a former resident of Coplay. Ms. Green stated that the roads and community are not built for this type of development. She is worried about the future of the place she has made her home. Ms. Green questioned how the residents can help the Township going forward to end warehouses. She requests that tighter restrictions be placed to limit the size of warehouses and keep the trucks smaller.

Joan Eckert, 2021 Bally Drive, Willow Green resident, questioned why the Lehigh Valley has an abundance of warehouses that are not being used.

Jacob Harmony, 126 Atlas Road, indicated that there is a large volume of truck traffic on Savage Road. Mr. Harmony questioned if the restriction of trucks on Savage for "local deliveries only" on Savage Road also applies to the exportation of goods from a warehouse on Savage Road. Mr. Treadwell explained that the logistics of trucks entering and exiting the property will be reviewed during the land development plan process. Mr. Treadwell clarified that local deliveries applies to goods coming into the site and leaving the site.

Judith Ladonis, 5350 Monocacy Drive, East Allen Township, questioned the percentage of Allen Township that is zoned for warehouses and questioned if there is a saturation point. Mr. Treadwell replied that there is a percentage of land in Allen Township that is zoned industrial, where warehouses are permitted. Ms. Ladonis requested that emergency responses for the Fire Department and ambulances be considered in traffic studies. Mr. Wojciechowski reported that this is required by ordinance to be considered in traffic studies.

- **5. Approval of Minutes**: Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the minutes of January 10, 2023 and January 24, 2023; seconded by Mr. Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- 6. Reports All Reports with exception of the Treasurers Report noted as "on file".
- **A. Treasurer:** Mr. Link made a motion to approve the Treasurers Report and the Paying of the Bills; seconded by Mr. Behler. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- **B. Solicitor:** On file.
- **C. Engineer:** On file.

- **D.** Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement: On file. Ms. Eckhart reported that the Board of Supervisors members each took time to meet with the applicants (Felipe Resendez Jr and Robert Hoskin) who submitted applications for the vacant position on the Planning Commission. Ms. Eckhart inquired if the Board had any comments regarding these applicants and if they wished to appoint one of them to the Planning Commission. Mr. Link made a motion to appoint Felipe Resendez Jr to the Planning Commission, seconded by Mr. Behler. Mr. Hassler questioned if there was any consideration for the other applicant, Mr. Hoskin. There were no additional comments made. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes with the exception of Mr. Hassler who voted no.
- E. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader: On file.
- F. Fire Company: On file.
- **G. Emergency Management Coordinator:** On file.
- **H. Parks:** On file. Ms. Eckhart reported that an application was received by resident, Donna Teklits, who expressed interest in joining the Park and Recreation Board. Ms. Eckhart indicated that Ms. Teklits attended the first Park and Recreation Board meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Behler made a motion to appoint Donna Teklits to the vacant initial one (1) year term position on the Park and Recreation Board, seconded by Mr. Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- J. Nazareth Council of Government: On file.
- K. First Regional Compost Authority: On file.
- L. Stormwater: On file.
- 7. Unfinished Business
- A. Setter Hill Sewer Planning Module: Ms. Eckhart reported that the Setter Hill Farm Sewage Facilities Planning Module has been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. She indicated that the plan has gone through the land development plan process and has received approval. Ms. Eckhart is seeking a motion to authorize the signing of the sewer planning module and to have it sent to DEP. Mr. Behler made a motion to approve the signing of the Setter Hill Sewer Planning Module and send it to DEP, seconded by Mr. Link. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- B. Geodis, 951 Willowbrook Road, Traffic Turning/Queuing Issue: Christopher J. Tessier, Geodis Operations Senior Director for 951 Willowbrook Road was present to discuss the traffic turning and queuing issue. Mr. Tessier explained that this warehouse is one million square feet and that Geodis occupies the space as a third party logistics provider. He also explained that Geodis's clients utilize vendors for the transportation of goods. These truck drivers are independent contractors. Mr. Tessier indicated that he shares the same concern at the Township regarding the congestion along Willowbrook Road. He reported that they are working with Geodis to coordinate the transportation partners adhering to their delivery schedules. Mr. Tessier noted that deliveries should be smooth and a plannable flow of product into the warehouse building. Mr. Tessier will be working

with their clients to clearly indicate the safety concerns associated with the queuing issue. He reported that they are concerned with safety. Mr. Tessier has requested his clients to reduce of loads by 75% starting this week to ease the traffic congestion. He indicated that additional signage is an option and is willing to work with the Township with possible signage solutions. Mr. Tessier explained that he is at a loss to control independent truckers and their inability to follow traffic rules.

Mr. Hassler questioned if a queuing lane can be added on the Geodis property or if the seemingly vacant front parking lot can be used for queuing. Mr. Tessier indicated that have a roundabout for queuing but that they are unable to allow the queuing of vehicles in the front parking lot due to security that is governed by the Foreign Trade Regulations. Mr. Link questioned if modifications can be made to the lot to allow for queuing. Mr. Hassler questioned if an extra lane can be added to Willowbrook Road. Mr. Tessier indicated that they are not in a position to pay for the widening of Willowbrook Road and cannot commit to this but will review possible solutions. Mr. Behler questioned if the plan has been reviewed for conditions that would restrict queuing on Willowbrook Road. Mr. Treadwell will review the conditions of the plan. Mr. Behler indicated that if a queuing restriction was placed on Willowbrook Road as a condition of the plan then a violation will be issued if the problem is not adequately addressed. Mr. Tessier explained that the land is rented and Geodis leases the facility. Mr. Tessier reported he is unsure if the property owner is aware of the queuing issue. Mr. Wojciechowski also indicated that there is some conflicting signage on Willowbrook Road. Mr. Tessier will address the conflicting signage.

Mr. Behler direct the Township Professional Staff to review the plan conditions and have the property owner notified of the situation. Mr. Behler indicated that a violation will be issued if the problem persists. He further explained that the Township Solicitor will have to look into possible repercussions.

- C. Road Signage Improvements Update (Radar Road/Willowbrook Road and Willowbrook Road/East Bullshead Road) – Update: Mr. Wojciechowski reported that he was asked to look into enhancing signage for these intersections. FedEx also reached out to provide assistance with enhancing signage for this area. BL Companies submitted a plan and Mr. Wojciechowski provided feedback. He reported that BL Companies submitted revised drawings for signage plans. Mr. Wojciechowski indicated that two large "no truck turning" signs should be placed at the intersection of East Bullshead Road and Willowbrook Road on both sides with a V-type configuration. He explained that enhanced signage illustrating a height restriction of 12 feet was also recommended. He also recommends placing reflective tape on the poles to stand out at night. Mr. Wojciechowski indicated that the intersection of Radar Drive and Willowbrook Road will have enhanced signage to show trucks they are not able to turn right. Mr. Wojciechowski recommended road paint with "no truck" signs be considered as well. He further explained that PennDOT would need to approve the increased signage and approve these changes due to the signal operations. Mr. Wojciechowski explained that he can provide BL companies the traffic signal permit plan so that this can be updated and be sent to PennDOT. He further explained that the East Bullshead intersection can move forward with only Board of Supervisors approval. Mr. Behler made a motion to proceed with the enhanced signage as recommended by the Township Engineer, seconded by Mr. Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- D. Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plans Willowbrook Farm Phases 3, 4 & 5 Acknowledgement of Grant of MPC Time Extension until April 30, 2023: Ms. Eckhart indicated that this is the first time extension request and that she expects the plan to move

forward soon. Mr. Wojciechowski stated that this plan will be on the next Planning Commission agenda. Ms. Eckhart explained that the extension will be until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Behler made a motion to acknowledge the MPC time extension for Willowbrook Farm Phases 3, 4 & 5 until April 30, 2023, seconded by Mr. Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.

### 8. New Business

- **A.** Capital Improvements Plan Workshop Meeting: Ms. Eckhart inquired if the Board would be interested in holding a workshop meeting in regards to the Capital Improvements Plan. She indicated that the consultant would be able to provide a presentation to the Board. Mr. Behler made a motion to schedule the Capital Improvements Plan Workshop Meeting for Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM, seconded by Mr. Paul. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- **B.** Resolution 2023-010 Act 44 of 2009 Updated Resolution Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Professional Services: Ms. Eckhart reported that the 4-year audit cycle has been completed. She indicated that an updated resolution describing the written procedures in how professional services are chosen for the pension plan has been recommended. Mr. Behler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-10 as it relates to Act 44 of 2009 Updated Resolution Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Professional Services, seconded by Mr. Link. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes.
- C. 700 Savage Road Subdivision: Dennis McCarthy, attorney at Davison & McCarthy, introduced himself and stated that he is representing the applicant, Krapf Park. Mr. McCarthy introduced Jason Buchta, of Ott Engineering. Mr. McCarthy provided background on the approximately 75-acre property along Savage Road and the 2021 settlement agreement. He stated that the development of the property is governed by the December 2018 Zoning Ordinance and that development is required to be completed in two phases – the industrial phase and the residential phase. Mr. McCarthy indicated that the applicant has an agreement of sale with the property owner to purchase a portion of the property. Mr. McCarthy explained that the land development plan is in process but that the only plan for consideration by the Board is the subdivision of the property. Mr. McCarthy reported that the subdivision plan was submitted in November 2022 and has been reviewed by the Township Engineer and Planning Commission. Mr. McCarthy reported that revisions were made in response to the Township Engineer's review letter and the plan was resubmitted. He indicated that the Planning Commission recommended the granting of the requested waiver and the approval of the subdivision plan at the January 2023 meeting. Mr. McCarthy reported that the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission has also reviewed the subdivision plan and indicated that the plan is minor in nature and not a matter of regional concern. He also reported that the review letter comments are drafting related.

Mr. Buchta explained that the subject parcel is 74.5-acres and the subdivision plan proposes six (6) lots. The proposed lots are as follows: Lot 1-a 3.27 $\pm$ -acre lot to contain the southernmost industrial building along Savage Road; Lot 2-a 4.40 $\pm$ -acre lot to contain the middle industrial building along Savage Road; Lot 3-a 4.40 $\pm$ -acre lot to contain the northernmost industrial building along Savage Road; Lot 4-a 5.72 $\pm$ -acre lot to be vacant land located west of the Dry Run and east of properties fronting on Savage Road, with  $\pm$  542 feet of frontage on Atlas Road; Lot 5-a 47.14 $\pm$ -acre lot to contain the single-family dwelling, along with the agricultural and industrial uses, and maintaining  $\pm$  216 feet of frontage on Atlas Road. The plans show a 75 ft. wide Access & Utility Easement in favor of Lot 5 across the rear portion of Lot 2 and between Lots 1 and 2, to allow Lot 5 to access to Savage Road; and Lot 6-a 7.80 $\pm$ -acre lot maintaining  $\pm$  735 feet of frontage on Atlas Road to contain some agricultural land south of Atlas Road and the driveway.

Mr. McCarthy explained that Lot 5 and Lot 6 will be acquired by Krapf Park LLC. He explained that according to the review letter from the Township Engineer, dated February 7<sup>th</sup>, the subdivision is a by-right subdivision and complies with the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Land Development Ordinance. Mr. McCarthy indicated that they agree to comply with the remaining drafting comments on the letter and are requesting approval of their waiver request to allow for a combined preliminary and final subdivision plan and they are requesting approval of the subdivision plan. Mr. Wojciechowski clarified that Lot 6 will be the future residential development lot. He also indicated that there are ten (10) comments on the review letter that are drafting in nature and three (3) items that are in regards to the legal descriptions. Mr. Wojciechowski also pointed out that comment number 14 states that a postcard mailer is required for Act 537 planning. Mr. Wojciechowski indicated that the plan would not be able to be recorded until either DEP issues an exemption or a planning module.

Mr. Hassler inquired if the settlement agreement still applies if the subdivided properties are sold. Mr. Treadwell explained that the settlement agreement is tied to the property and therefore any buyer would also be bound by the agreement.

Mr. Behler responded to the public's frequent question of how the process can be made harder for applicants. He explained that this can be done by not granting waivers. Mr. Behler indicated that in this case, the settlement agreement included customary waivers. He stated that they are obligated to grant this waiver request due to the settlement agreement.

Mr. Behler made a motion to regretfully and unfortunately grant the requested waivers from SALDO §22-502.1 and §22-503.1 to allow for a combined preliminary and final subdivision plan, seconded by Mr. Link. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Hassler stated that they are unable to undo what has already been done years ago.

Mr. Behler made a motion to regretfully and unfortunately approve the 700 Savage Road subdivision plan contingent upon all comments and conditions being met from the Barry Isett letter dated February 7, 2023, seconded by Mr. Link. On the motion, by roll call vote, all Supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Hassler indicated that his yes vote was made regretfully.

**9. Public to be Heard:** Donald Noll, 4040 Pine Hurst Drive, indicated that he has observed the queuing of trucks on Willowbrook Road. He believes that the facility does not appear open before 7AM due to the number of tractor trailers waiting. Mr. Noll suggests having facility employees open the gates before 7AM and allow the tractor trailers to access the parking lot and docking stations. Mr. Hassler indicated that this will be looked into but is a complex situation due to the extensive security protocols. Mr. Hassler reported that even the fire trucks are extensively checked if they must enter the site.

Angelo Cavuoto, 11 Country Road, requested the plans for the signage be shared and possibly be posted on the website. Mr. Wojciechowski indicated that the plans are a public record and can be shared. Mr. Wojciechowski provided Mr. Cavuoto his paper copy of the proposed signage plan. Mr. Cavuoto questioned the timeline for implementation of new signage on Willowbrook Road. He stated that the current signage is failing. Mr. Wojciechowski indicated that the signage at East Bullshead Road and Willowbrook Road can be installed right away. He explained that the remaining signage must be approved by PennDOT. Mr. Wojciechowski stated that it could take several months. Mr. Cavuoto questioned if the signage can be revisited if it fails. Mr. Wojciechowski explained that it can be revisited

if necessary. Ms. Eckhart explained that a PA One Call must be done which requires a 3-day wait before digging for the posting of signs can be posted. She stated that the signs can be ordered right away.

Boyd Moore, 40 Drexel Drive, expressed concerns regarding Geodis and the dispatchers and schedulers' communication. Mr. Moore believes rent should be raised so that Geodis's client is forced to leave the building. Mr. Moore also expressed concern for truck drivers who do not speak English who may not be able to read the signage. Mr. Wojciechowski indicated that the signage would be a picture of a truck with an "X" through it. Mr. Moore also suggested that Weaversville Road have a weight limit restriction.

Bob Walsh, 1729 Weaversville Road, stated that he believes Mr. Tessier "passed the buck". Mr. Walsh would like the Geodis queuing incident to be taken into consideration for any proposed warehouse development along Savage Road. Mr. Walsh also indicated that the large "No trucks right turn" sign was never put back up at Nor Bath Boulevard and Weaversville Road after construction was completed. He requested that this sign be replaced. Mr. Gogle and Ms. Eckhart indicated that this sign has already been put back up. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the sign is in place but is set back further due to the road widening.

### 10. Announcements:

Mr. Hassler announced the upcoming meeting dates as follows:

Park and Recreation Board – Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM Planning Commission – Monday, February 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM Board of Supervisors – Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM

There being no further comments or business the meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart



B. SolicitorC. Engineer

D. Planning/Zoning/Code Enforcement

E. Road Superintendent/Public Works Leader

**Planning Commission Member Appointment** 

### **Allen Township Board of Supervisors**

## **Meeting Agenda**

Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 6:00 PM

**Location: Allen Township Fire Company Building** 

3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, PA

The Allen Township Board of Supervisors Meetings will be held at the Allen Township Fire Company Building, located at 3530 Howertown Road, Northampton, PA.

A summary of the public comment policy and procedures is located on the last page of agenda as a reference for individuals wishing to address the Board during the "Public to be Heard" segments.

Note: Per Act 65 of 2021 requirements, this agenda was posted to the Township website and physical location of the proposed meeting, by Township staff on: February 10, 2023.

1.	Call to Order
2.	Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3.	Roll Call
	Tim Paul, Board Member Stan Wojciechowski, PE, CME, Engineer
	Jason Frack, Board Member Andrea Martin, Engineer
	Paul Link, Board Member B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr. Esq., Solicitor
	Gary Behler, Vice Chairman Ilene M. Eckhart, Manager
	Dale N. Hassler, Chairman
4.	Announcements and/or Actions to Add Items to Agenda
5.	Public Hearings
6.	Public to be Heard (Residents shall limit their comments to no more than three minutes)
7.	Approval of Minutes (General Meetings: January 10 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2023)
8.	Reports - All reports on file with exception of Treasurer's Report and Paying of the Bills.
A	. Treasurer

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- F. Fire Company
- G. Emergency Management Coordinator
- H. Nazareth Council of Government
- I. Parks
  - i. Park and Recreation Board Member Appointment
- J. First Regional Compost Authority
- K. Stormwater

### 9. Unfinished Business

- A. Setter Hill Sewer Planning Module
- B. Geodis, 951 Willowbrook Road, Traffic Turning/Queuing Issue
- C. Road Signage Improvements Update (Radar/Willowbrook Rd and Willowbrook Rd/East Bullshead Road) Update
- D. Preliminary Subdivision and Land Development Plans Willowbrook Farm Phases 3, 4 & 5 Acknowledgement of Grant of MPC Time Extension until April 30, 2023

#### 10. New Business

- A. Capital Improvements Plan, Workshop Meeting
- B. Resolution 2023-010 Act 44 of 2009 Updated Resolution Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Professional Services
- C. 700 Savage Road Major Subdivision
- 11. Public to be Heard (Residents shall limit their comments to no more than three minutes)
- 12. Next Meetings
  - \* Allen Township Park & Recreation Board Meeting Thursday, February 23, 2023 6 PM
  - \* Allen Township Planning Commission Meeting Monday, February 27, 2023 6 PM
  - \* Allen Township Board of Supervisors Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2023 6 PM

### 13. Adjournment

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- -Public Comment Policy and Procedures-
- 1. A period for public comment will be held at the beginning of the meeting and at the conclusion of all agenda business items. Any public comments or questions shall be reserved until time on the agenda. Public comments and questions will not be permitted during the course of the Board's/Commission's business items.
- 2. Individuals who speak must give their name, address and municipality prior to speaking.
- 3. Time limit on length of public comment or presentation will be three (3) minutes per person, per meeting.
- 4. A speaker will only be granted one three (3) minute extension, if given, for a maximum speaking time of six (6) minutes, at the discretion of the Chairman.
- 5. Comments/questions shall be directed to the Board/Commission members only.
- 6. Procedures will be in place to maintain proper decorum for the hearing. Public participation will be allowed but the Board will ensure respect for all citizens and maintain order. Personal attacks and outbursts will be ruled out of order. The Chairman of the Board or Commission may, within this discretion, rule out of order scandalous, impertinent, and redundant comment or any comment the discernible purpose of which is to disrupt or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting.
- 7. Individuals with lengthy written statements may submit them for the record and provide a verbal summary of three (3) minutes or less. Interested persons may email public comments via email, sent to manager@allentownship.org until 3:00pm local time the day of each meeting or by contacting the Township office. Public comment received via email will be read at the outset of the meeting. If you require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation, please contact the Allen Township offices in advance. In addition, an audio recording of the meeting will be posted to the Township website: www.allentownship.org within 48 hours of the meeting.