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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, February 22, 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 Vice 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 Eckhart – Present; and Brien Kocher, P.E. - Present.

Public Hearings: No scheduled public hearings.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

Unfinished Business

A. Exemption of Tax Application – Detention Pond at Summerglenn (THP): Mr. Pierce made a motion to authorize Mr. Frack to execute the application for exemption of tax concerning the Summerglenn detention pond property; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

B. High Meadow Estates – Phasing and Sewer Ownership Issues: Mr. Andrew Bennett, PE from Pennoni and Associates and Mr. Greg Harris from Omega Homes, were present to discuss the phasing proposal for the project. Mr. Bennett indicated the initial phase will be off of Cherryville Road; containing 38 homes, extending towards Kreidersville Road. Phase IV terminates Spring Hill Road with the new road. Phase V is the remaining homes at the top of the hill. Mr. Bennett indicated that if the Board is comfortable with the phases that the developer will proceed with final plan development for Phase I. On the question, from Mr. Frack, Mr. Bennett indicated that the roadway

width, for the new roadway connection between Cherryville Road and Kreidersville Roads, will be 40 feet throughout.

Mr. Pierce voiced concern regarding time limitations on completion of phases. On the further question from Mr. Pierce, Mr. Harris was unsure if an answer would be appropriate given the permit extension act. Mr. Harris suggested that if construction begins by spring 2012 build-out may occur within seven years. Mr. Pierce was concerned with the limited amount of homes in Phase I regarding the sewer issue. Mr. Harris indicated the pump will be calibrated to adjust to minimal flows. Messrs. Bennett and Harris understood that the first flows may need to be considered for removal with sewer trucked from the (wet well) site.

Regarding ownership of the sewer pump station and the sewer lines, Mr. Kocher indicated that the ownership of the pump station were outstanding issues. Mr. Bennett indicated that the pipes are planned to be publicly owned. Mr. Pierce felt that the pump station and lines should be planned for public ownership by the Township. Mr. Kocher questioned if an upfront contribution would be required or if a separate sewer district is to be established for these sewer users. Mr. Kocher suggested that the Board should require an extra pump or a portable pump upon dedication.

Mr. Kocher raised concerns regarding the interim PA One Call response mechanism for the force main. Mr. Harris suggested turning that section over once the first section is built and activated. Mr. Kocher further questioned if the Board would want to require connection of the homes along Kreidersville Road. Mr. Kocher indicated that the connection would be to the force main so grinder pumps would be required. Mr. Kocher felt that connections could be made available at each point of existing lateral along the force main. The developer did not agree to design the force main with the connections for future connection. This can still be accommodated with a wet tap in the future but it would not be designed in that manner.

Mr. Holmes questioned when the sewer line is continued to the pump station, would the road be graded at that time? Mr. Bennett indicated that the road would not be rough graded at that time. Mr. Holmes on the timing issue asked that the developer would continue in the meantime to maintain the land in the interim. Mr. Harris indicated that he planned to require the homeowners to provide for perpetual continued maintenance within the interim time during construction of the phases and of the phases that are not active. Mr. Harris indicated it is planned that the land is to be farmed in the interim of construction of successive phases. Mr. Holmes felt this should be specifically clear and noted on the recorded plans.

C. Savage Road Dog Park/Trail Spur Development Project: Ms. Eckhart presented a draft letter of announcement and request for public input. The Board directed Ms. Eckhart to schedule a special meeting for this matter with Mrs. Drzewiecki and Mr. Frack to receive public comments. This material is to be distributed in the spring newsletter as well as publish in a display advertisement in a local weekly newspaper. This meeting should occur sometime in mid to late March.

D. Hogan Way/Savage Road – complaint received regarding intersection: The Board reviewed the email correspondence received from Ms. Theresa Evans regarding her complaint about the intersection of Hogan Way and Savage Road. Following some discussion, the Board indicated that there was no action available to change the intersection and the email should be forwarded to the State Police for enforcement.

New Business None.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the public.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart
Manager