



# Allen Township Supervisors

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## ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, July 26, 2011**

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, July 26, 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 - Absent; Bruce Frack - Present; B. Lincoln Treadwell, Jr., Esq. -Present; Ilene Eckhart – Present; and Jason Smith, Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc. - Present.

### Public Hearings

i. Ordinance #2011-02 Open Space Referendum: Mr. Treadwell explained the ordinance. Mr. Treadwell indicated that the Act that enables the imposition of this type of tax does not allow active recreation. No public comments received following the explanation of the ordinance provided by Mr. Treadwell. Mr. Pierce made a motion to approve Ordinance #2011-02; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes. Mr. Stoffa commended the Board for courageously moving forward on this issue.

Public to be Heard: No comments from the audience.

### Unfinished Business

A. Willow Ridge, Singles and Twins Security Reduction Request: Following some discussion, Mr. Holmes made a motion to release the security in the amount of \$14,109.30 pursuant to the request of Omega Homes the developer; seconded by Mr. Frack. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**B. Storage Building Addition – Construction Update:** Ms. Eckhart reported on the status of the Storage Garage pursuant to Jeff Lazar, PE of Hanover Engineering letter dated July 26, 2011. The letter summarizes his concerns regarding the concrete floor portion of the project and deviations from the plan which was installed during the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Mr. Pierce was concerned that the concrete could spawl in the future. Mr. Holmes felt that the expansion joints in the floor in the older section of the building are not any better than the saw cuts that were installed in the current section. He was pleased with the manner in which the floor was installed. Ms. Eckhart indicated that the point of Mr. Lazar's letter was there was a plan and deviations were made and not approved. Mr. Smith offered an explanation regarding the expansion joint vs. the saw cut. He further indicated that when the payment request is submitted the value of the deviation (in cost) should be considered. Ms. Eckhart explained the most extreme option is to have the contractor tear it out and replace the floor according to the specifications. Mr. Balliet agreed with Mr. Holmes regarding the adequacy of the saw cut in lieu of the expansion joint. Following a lengthy discussion, Ms. Eckhart suggested that it was prudent, given the extent of Mr. Lazar's concerns, to conduct an investigation to determine what type of direction was given to the contractor and by whom on behalf of the Township, as well as seek information regarding the weather conditions that may affect the concrete when it was poured. She further felt that construction should not proceed further until this inquiry is finalized. Ms. Eckhart further indicated that the Contractor has agreed to extend the warranty on the concrete floor as a result of Mr. Lazar's letter for an additional year. Mr. Frack made a motion to temporarily stop the project of the storage building addition; to investigate the findings and to report back to the Board at the next meeting; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

**New Business** No New Business.

**Public to be Heard:** There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart  
Manager