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ALLEN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 28, 2011

A General Meeting of the Allen Township Supervisors was held on Tuesday, June 28, 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 - Absent; 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. High Meadow Estates, request for extension of time for plan review until January 9, 2012: Mr. Pierce made a motion to grant an extension of time for plan review until January 9, 2012; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.
- B. Blessed Virgin Mary Church, permission for off premise sign: Mr. Holmes made a motion to grant permission for the off premise sign request; seconded by Mrs. Drzewiecki. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.
- C. Open Space Plan Development (Scope of Work/Proposal), discussion Mr. Kocher was present to provide an overview of the proposal prepared by Mr. Jason Smith of his office. Ms. Eckhart explained the difference between the previous Wildlands Conservancy proposal from 2010 and the current Hanover Engineering proposal. Mr. Kocher explained that the first part of the procedure would be to provide a series of public input forum meetings. He further

explained one of the primary things that will need to be identified during this process is how the Township will spend the monies to be collected from the additional tax. The plan allows the Township to first identify the priorities for the open space to be preserved. Mr. Kocher explained these classifications. He indicated that the Township can further hone in what the priorities are from the public comment received. Additionally the plan will define a ranking system. This should be accomplished prior to the election date for the referendum. If the voters turn the referendum down the plan still provides the Township with a framework for the open space desires of the citizens of the Township. Mr. Kocher further described the procedures outline in the proposal. Mr. Kocher indicated that he has provided the ordinance from Bushkill Township for our reference. Ms. Eckhart indicated that Mr. Treadwell is working on a narrative with Jason Smith from Hanover regarding the timelines and issues associated with the referendum. Mr. Pierce made a motion to accept the Hanover Engineering Associates proposal for the Open Space Plan in the amount of \$8,000; seconded by Mr. Holmes. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes. Ms. Eckhart indicated that Mr. Stephen Hebrock, his son, and Mr. John Stoffa were interested in serving on the Open Space Committee. Ms. Eckhart will seek one other individual to serve on the Committee.

New Business

- A. Sabia – request for reverse subdivision: Mr. Kocher indicated he felt the County would assign one parcel number if the Township issues a letter to that effect. The disadvantage may be that someone in the future could claim to have a valid subdivision. Mr. Pierce felt that it was impossible to unmerge the lots. He had no objection to what they want to do but was concerned that there was no way to undo the prior subdivision. Mr. Holmes was concerned that whatever needs to be done reflects a lawful process of the Township and that it is clear-cut in the future. Following some discussion, Mr. Holmes made a motion that the Township would require a plan to be filed to accomplish what Mrs. Sabia wished to accomplish concerning adding the previously subdivided acreage back to the farm acreage; seconded by Mr. Pierce. On the motion, by roll call vote, all supervisors present voted yes.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ilene M. Eckhart
Manager