

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 17, 2014
6:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Heimbecker, Martucci, Paulus, Wegfahrt, Woolley; J. Jackson Eaton, III, Esquire, Frederick W. Hay, P.E., Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

Absent: 0

Attendance: 26

Courtesy of the Floor:

Chairman Paulus advised all in attendance that the Board would hear comments from those individuals who wish to do so, but that the comments would follow the order of residents of Hanover Township, residents of other municipalities and/or representatives speaking on behalf of the proposed Rockefeller/FedEx development in Allen Township.

The Township Attorney noted that last evening the Allen Township Planning Commission had recommended approval of the proposed Rockefeller/FedEx development in Allen Township to the Allen Township Board of Supervisors. That Board will now begin the process of considering the approval of the land development.

New Business:

1. Reviewing and Possible Action on the Proposed Rockefeller/Federal Express Development in Allen Township (Review and Discussion)

At this point in the meeting, the Hanover Township Council heard from various individuals speaking regarding their position with respect to the land development proposed by the Rockefeller Group on behalf of Federal Express in Allen Township.

Mr. Charles Everett, the Executive Director of the Lehigh-Northampton Airport Authority, spoke regarding the history of the airport's sale of airport property to the Rockefeller Group. Mr. Ron Gawlik of the Pidcock Group spoke on behalf of the developer, Rockefeller Group, and provided a power point presentation of the proposed development. Ms. Becky Bradley, Executive Director of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission, spoke to the Board regarding the transportation improvement program, the reconstruction of U.S. Route 22, involving three lanes in either direction, and the fact that Act 89 which had been enacted by the Commonwealth provided the 20% funding requirement to match the 80% federal monies to accomplish all the necessary work regarding the U.S. Route 22 widening, etc. Mr. Jarrett Witt, a representative from the Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corporation, spoke to the Board expressing LVEDC support of the project.

Courtesy of the Floor:

At this point in the meeting, Janet Smith representing the Governor's Action Team, in particular the Regional Director for our area spoke to the Board with respect to their support for the project. Ms. Meygan Young, the Manager at the Staybridge Suites in Hanover Township, Lehigh County, expressed her support for the project. Diane Conn, a resident of Hanover Township, Lehigh County, expressed her concerns over the trip generation from this project and air pollution. Attorney Joseph Fitzpatrick, local counsel for the Rockefeller Group, spoke regarding the timing involved in this project and advised the Board that the developers only received a recommendation from the Allen Township Planning Commission and that the matter still has to go to the Allen Township Supervisors. He asked the Board to gather all the information they feel is necessary before making any decision on their support regarding this project.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager