



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Minutes - Final

Public Works Committee

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

5:00 PM

Roll Call: Chairperson MacLean, McGuire, O'Connell

Present: 3 - David McGuire, Roger MacLean and Ray O'Connell

15-576

Bill 11 Public Works - MacLean

Providing for the vacation of a portion of Fairview Street being the Southern thirty (30) feet of Fairview Street starting at the Northeast corner of 1834-1844 Fairview Street and continuing Westerly One hundred and fifty-two and thirty-two one hundredths (152.32) feet to the Western limit of this subject street vacation in the Thirteenth Ward of the City of Allentown: Fairview Street - Street Vacation

Attachments: [Bill 11 Fairview Street - Street Vacation](#)

[Fairview Street Vacation Plan](#)

[fairviewvacation](#)

[fairvvacreport](#)

[Letter from Lehigh Valley Planning Commission A Portion of Fairview Street west of S. Saint George Street - Street Vacation](#)
[LVPC Fairview Street Report](#)

[Allentown City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 2-9-15 Fairview Street - Street Vacation](#)

Mr. Craig Messinger stated it is cleaning a bit of an issue up. Obviously, it is a building that was built a very long time ago and out into the roadway on Fairview Street.

Mr. Brian Borzak stated that Land Development came in for the property. I actually petitioned for the Street Vacation to protect the city because the house is in the right-of-way. The rest of the right-of-way will remain open to the adjoining properties.

Mr. Ray O'Connell asked any objectors in the neighborhood.

Mr. Brian Borzak stated no.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked Mr. McGuire if he had any questions.

Mr. David McGuire stated that maybe 10 years ago there was controversy

with some land that is next to the city's dumping. Does this have any impact on either those two properties?

Mr. Brian Borzak stated that it would be that property. They are combining two lots there. They are enlarging that lot that Atiyeh owns.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked does it affect the city in a negative way.

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Mr. Brian Borzak stated no. We left it.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked any questions from the public.

A motion was made by Ray O'Connell, seconded by Roger MacLean, that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Ray O'Connell, Roger MacLean and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15276

15-605

Bill 13 Public Works - MacLean

Providing for the vacation of a portion of Tilghman Street from the Eastern boundary of the former R.J. Corman Railroad Eastward to the Lehigh River in the Sixth Ward of the City of Allentown

Attachments: [Bill 13 Tilghman Street - Street Vacation](#)

[Tilghman Street - Street Vacation Report](#)

[Tilghman Street Bridge Map](#)

[Letter from Mike Hanlon regarding Street Vacation - Eastern Boundary of the R.J. Corman Railroad Line Eastward Underneath the Tilghman Street Bridge to the Lehigh River](#)

[Tilghman Street Bridge Map](#)

[Tilghman Street - Street Vacation Report](#)

[Letter from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding Tilghman Street Bridge Street Vacation](#)

[Allentown City Planning Commission Meeting Minutes 3-10-15](#)

[Waterfront \(Tilghman Street\)](#)

[Staff Report - Tilghman Street \(Waterfront\)](#)

Mr. Craig Messinger stated that this is part of the American Parkway Project. This is a little bit of house cleaning. Tilghman Street Bridge has an Ariel right-of-way for PennDot for that bridge, but underneath it was actually city property. We are vacating it so that it could be in conjunction with the Waterfront.

Mr. Brian Borzak stated that this piece of property is underneath the Tilghman Street Bridge which is a PennDot Bridge. It was originally a city deed and before the bridge, the city had the right-of-way to go to the river. We never vacated it because we put another city bridge on top of a city road.

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that in order to put a street there, we would have to remove the bridge.

Mr. Craig Messinger stated exactly. This is to clean it up on the city's end.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked any questions from Council.

A motion was made by David McGuire, seconded by Ray O'Connell, that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Ray O'Connell, Roger MacLean and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15273

15-593 Bill 12 Public Works - MacLean
Amends Article 911, Shade Trees to more specifically outline the powers and duties of the Shade Tree Commission.

Sponsors: Administration

Attachments: [Bill 12 Shade Tree Ordinance Revision](#)
[Shade Tree Ordinance Revised](#)

Mr. Roger MacLean stated that he will have Ted Berger explain this part to you.

Mr. Ted Berger stated that the Tree Inspector for the City of Allentown used to work in the Parks department. His basic job is to handle Street Trees. It was determined that he would work better under the Public Works Bureau. The ordinance will change the wording.

Mr. Roger MacLean asked any questions from Council or the public..

A motion was made by Ray O'Connell, seconded by David McGuire, that this Ordinance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Ray O'Connell, Roger MacLean and David McGuire

Enactment No: 15277

Adjourned: 5:07 PM