

REPORT TO THE CITY CLERK
AND THE
ALLENTOWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR STREET VACATION

RE: Request for the Vacation of South Jute Street located from the centerline of Montgomery Street to the centerline of Cooke Street.

Requested by:
Wind-Drift Real Estate Associates
179 Mikron Road
Bethlehem, Pa 18020
(Owners of 1735 & 1745 S 4th Street)

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City of Allentown Department of Public Works

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HISTORY OF THE PORTION OF THE STREET PROPOSED TO BE VACATED:

The portion of South Jute Street proposed to be vacated is in the 19th Ward. South Jute Street was created by the Crescent View Terrace Subdivision as part of Salisbury Township on November 5th, 1925. The subject portion of South Jute Street was part of the Street System Annexed by the City of Allentown on May 14th, 1931. If the street vacation is granted, it appears that the affected right-of-way would revert to each Adjoining property owner. It is the responsibility of the affected adjoining property to assimilate vacated property into fee simple ownership by deed.

LOCATION AND CONDITION:

The subject street is unimproved and is listed as a 20' wide Unopened Street. PPL has a guy wire within the unopened Street Right-of-Way. There are shrubs, planters, steps and walls within the Unopened Street.

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POLLS CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

Keith Morris, Chief of Police has no objection to the street vacation

Lee Laubach, Fire Chief has no objection to the street vacation.

Dennis Wetherhold, Communications has not replied.

Richard Rasch, Utility Engineer has no objection to the street vacation.

Nelson Varughese, Traffic Control Superintendent has no objection to the street vacation.

POLLS UTILITIES:

David Stinson, Engineer Verizon Communications has not replied.

Alfred Birt, PPL Electric Utilities objects to the Street Vacation until easements are dedicated to PPL for existing facilities by the adjoining property owners.

Charles E. Volk, Lehigh County Authority has no objection to the street vacation.

Jason Ugwu, UGI Utilities, Inc. has no objection to the street vacation.

POLL ADJOINING OWNER:

Nathina Walker (the owners of 340 W. Montgomery St) objects to the Street Vacation, Due to concerns of property lines and trash (please see attached letter).

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Bureau of Engineering has no objection to the subject street vacation with the stipulation of an easement being provided to PPL for any existing facilities within the subject right-of-way.

Very truly yours,

Craig Messinger
Public Works Director

Attachments

xc: Steve Neratko, Director of Planning
Susan Wild, City Solicitor
Michael P. Hanlon, City Clerk
Craig Messinger, Public Works Director