

September 25, 2023

**REPORT TO THE CITY CLERK  
AND THE  
ALLENTOWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
REQUEST FOR STREET VACATION**

**RE: Request for the vacation of South 6th Street from Mason Street  
to Dixon Street.**

Requested by:  
Matt Tuerk  
Mayor of the City of Allentown

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City of Allentown Department of Public Works

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Photos, Polls, Article #915.05

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

The subject portion of South 6<sup>th</sup> Street is in the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward. Unopened South 6<sup>th</sup> Street has a 50.0' wide Right of Way and was mapped by the James K. Mosser Plan approved on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1921, and recorded in Map Book 2 Page 36 as part of Salisbury Township and the Plan and its street system was annexed by the City of Allentown City Ordinance Bill #2637 on May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1931.

**LOCATION AND CONDITION:**

The subject portion of South 6<sup>th</sup> Street is an unopened street. The City of Allentown has an existing storm main along the eastern side of the subject area. UGI utilities has existing facilities within the subject area and LCA has facilities within the subject area. There is an existing pedestrian bridge within the R/W.

**POLLS CITY OF ALLENTOWN:**

Charles Roca, Chief of Police has not replied.

Efrain Agosto, Fire Chief has no objection to the street vacation.

Dennis Weatherhold, Communications has not replied.

Michael Lichty, Stormwater Engineer has no objection to the street vacation.

Yeimy Delgado, Traffic Superintendent has no objection to the street vacation.

Report to the  
City Clerk and Allentown City Planning Commission  
September 26, 2023  
SUBJECT: South 6th Street Vacation Request

POLLS UTILITIES:

Verizon Communications have no objection to the street vacation.

PPL Electric Utilities have no objection to the street vacation.

UGI Utilities, Inc. objects to the street vacation due to existing utilities that will require an easement.

Lehigh County Authority, objects to the street vacation due to existing utilities that will require an easement.

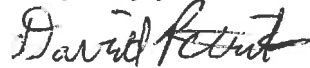
POLL ADJOINING OWNERS:

The one adjoiner is the Lehigh County Humane Society and they were not polled being it is a vacation sponsored by the Mayor.(915.05 Ordinance Sponsored by the Mayor)

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Bureau of Engineering recommends that the subject portion of South Sixth Street be vacated. The City requires this vacation so the existing pedestrian bridge can repaired or placed by the City. The City will provide easements for the existing utilities.

Very truly yours,



for Mark Shahda  
Public Works Director

Attachments

xc: Jennifer Gomez, Planning Director  
John Gross, City Solicitor  
Michael P. Hanlon, City Clerk  
Mark Shahda, Public Works Director



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

DIXON ST

S VIRGINIA ST

TROUT CREEK

600

MASON ST

S 6TH ST

MOHAWK ST

621 619

613 611

605 603

561 559

553 551

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Proposed Street Vacation  
S 6th Street  
From Mason Street to Dixon Street

SCALE:  
1" = 60'





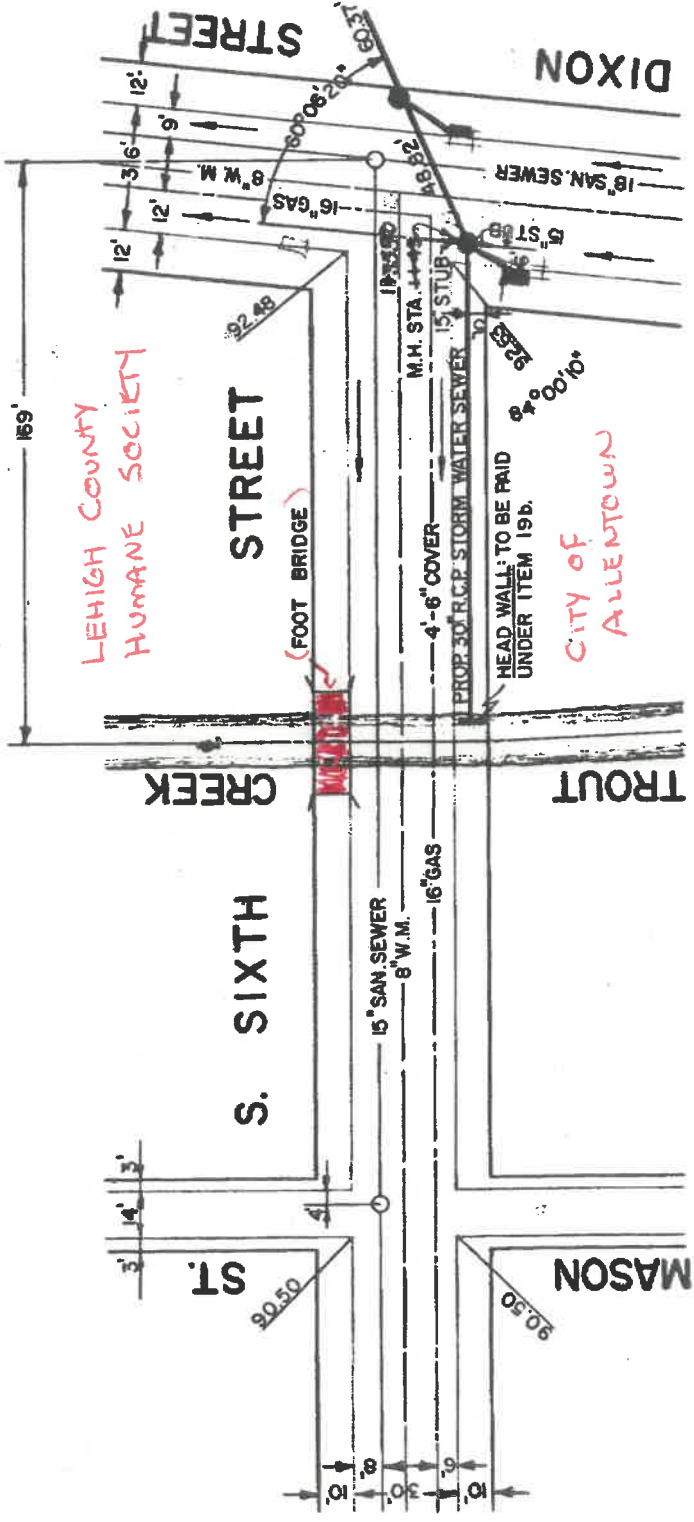
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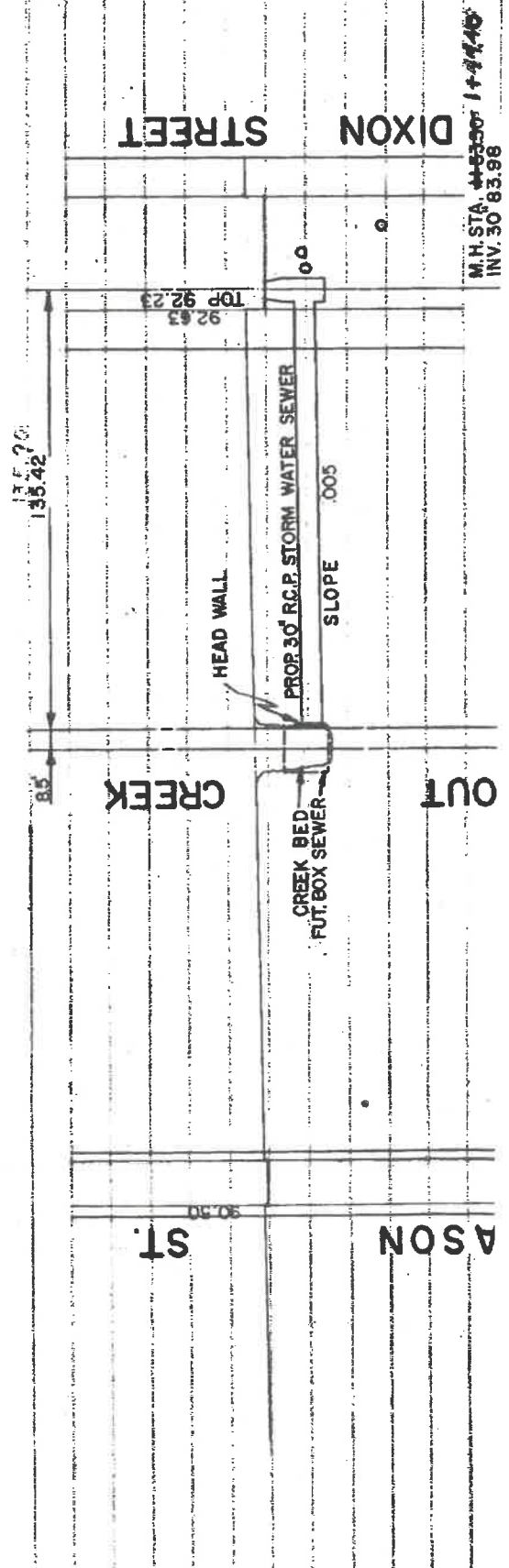
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### LOCATION PLAN PROFILE



M.H. STA. 4+53.50' 1+44.46'  
INV. 30 83.98



# 600 Dixon St

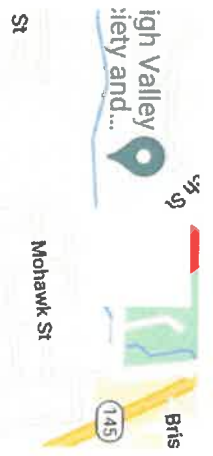


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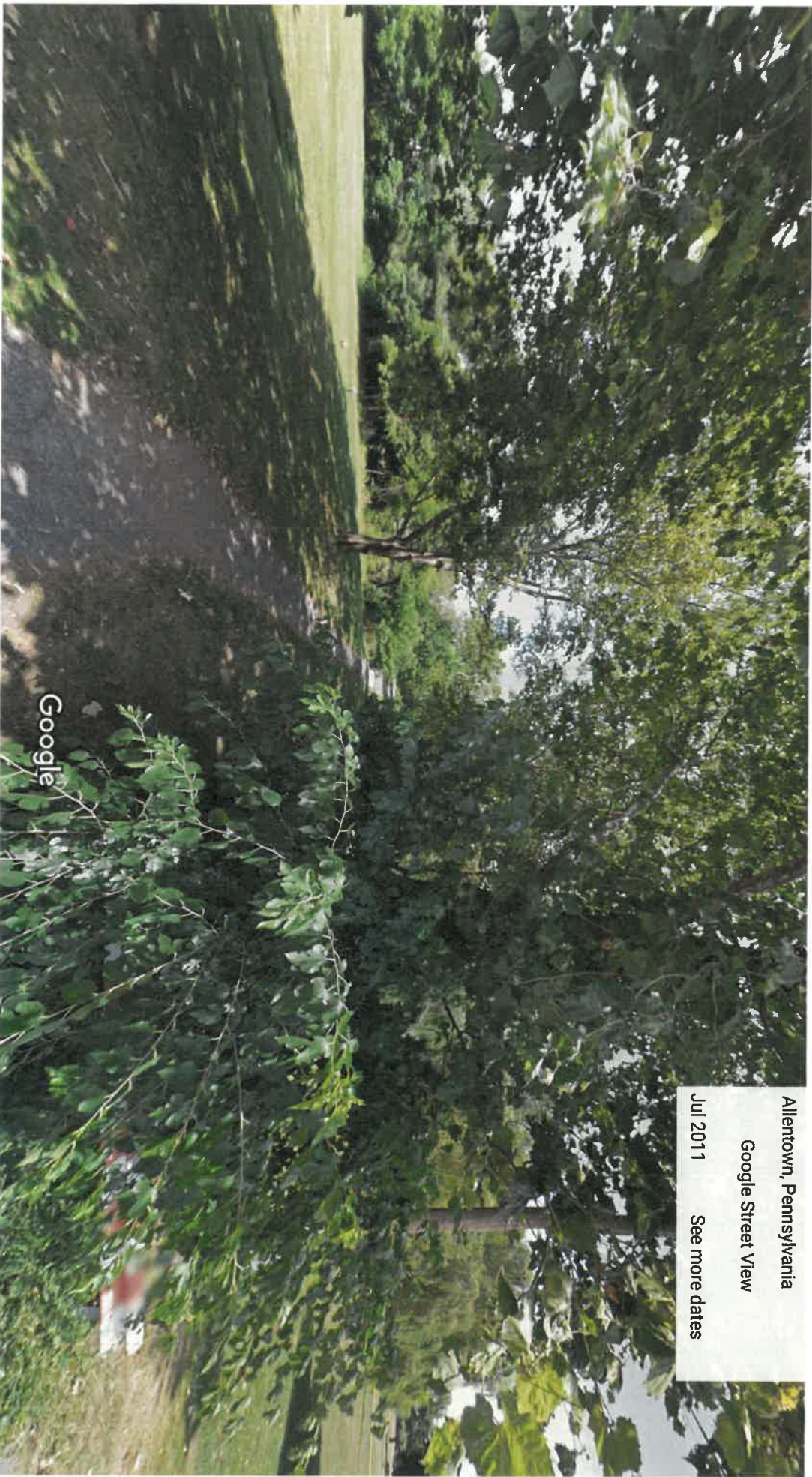
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5 6TH ST.  
 Looking South  
 from Dixon St





Google Maps 599 Mason St



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 Looking North  
 from Mason St.

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Unless otherwise specified in the Street Vacation Ordinance, the abutting owners of the vacated street shall be responsible jointly and severally, for protecting, reconstructing and/or relocating all existing utilities and drainage facilities in such manner as will be satisfactory to the Mayor without any liability for damages on the part of the City resulting therefrom. (12245 §1 4/6/77)

#### **915.04 STRIKING FROM CITY BLOCK PLAN**

Immediately after an ordinance vacating any street becomes effective, the City Engineer is authorized and directed to strike such street between the limits cited from the City Block Plan. (12245 §1 4/6/77)



#### **915.05 ORDINANCE SPONSORED BY MAYOR**

Any ordinance for the vacating of any street may be sponsored by the Mayor without the petition of property owners. In such event, the Street Vacation Ordinance requires for passage the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members of Council. An ordinance sponsored by the Mayor shall not be subject to any filing fee, but the provisions set forth in Sections 915.02, 915.03 and 915.04 shall apply. (12245 §1 4/6/77)

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