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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE PAPER ALLEYWAYS

A paper alley is one that was originally laid out in a plan of lots and dedicated, but which has not been accepted by the Township or used by the public. As a consequence, the alley has never been "opened" and only remains on paper (i.e. paper alley). The Township has no legal interest in a paper alley and, therefore, no responsibility to maintain or service such an alley.

Property owners that abut each side of a paper alley obtain a vested interest to the center line of the paper alley. While these property owners obtain a vested interest to the center of the paper alley, it is important to know that any property owner included the same plan of lots continues to have private rights of easement (usage) over the paper alley.

Thus, when a controversy arises relating to a paper alley, it is a private matter and must be resolved by the parties involved and the Township has no standing as a party to the controversy.

DISCLAIMER

Stonycreek Township receives a lot of questions regarding the topic of "paper alleys" and, therefore, the Township has provided this Notice in order to assist its residents. However, the Notice is simply meant to give residents a basic understanding of paper alleys and must not be construed as a legal opinion or advice. As stated above, the Township is not an interested party in a paper alley issue and cannot provide residents guidance on a private matter. This is a confusing area of Pennsylvania law and anyone involved in a matter dealing with paper alleys should not rely on this Notice, but should obtain an opinion of a licensed/qualified attorney.