

On November 30, 2000, Aston Valley Baseball League and the Penn Delco School District signed a lease for 3.1266 acres of ground in the far corner of the property. In the lease, Aston Valley was to construct a baseball field. Mind you, this was the least desirable piece of ground that Penn Delco owned. Considered by most people to be a swamp when it rained, Aston Valley stepped up to the challenge. At the time of the lease signing it was deemed to be a “win-win” contract, Penn Delco not putting up one penny of the taxpayers money, and in return getting the “crown jewel” baseball field of Delaware County, and Aston Valley finally getting a home for its youths after they left Weir Park. The lease contains different clauses, which mostly benefits Penn Delco, the first right to use of the field, stipulations on canceling the lease, etc. Speaking of the clause pertaining to the stipulations of canceling the lease, that clause states that Penn Delco would reimburse Aston Valley for all buildings (concession stands, dugouts, bathrooms, etc.) and non-removable items (fencing, scoreboard, etc.). To date Aston Valley has put approximately \$125,000 cash (state grants, fundraisers and donations) for materials and another \$200,000 of donated services and time.

On Wednesday, April 22, 2009, I received a phone call from the superintendent of Penn Delco, whom informed me that Penn Delco’s solicitor deemed the lease null and void because a previous school board signed the lease. Wow, Penn Delco probably could take back the Community Center and the Aston Athletic Association property because that lease was signed by a previous school board. I have spoken to two lawyers about this and both said a signed lease is a signed lease and remains legal document.

With this said, I ask each and everyone of you to please attend the school board meeting this Tuesday, April 28th at 7:30pm. The meeting will be held at the transportation buildings at 6000 Dutton Mill Road, next to Ice Works. Please voice your opinion on this matter, as it affects your children now (Teeners) and later (Weir Park-future Teeners).

Thank you,

Fran Miles
Treasurer, AVBL