

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2008**

A regular meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 5, 2008 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: A. James Scanzillo, Chair; and members John A. Bodden, Sr.; Helen B. Haun and William B. Jones. Also present were: Robert Bender, Interim Manager; Jonathan Reiss, Solicitor; Craig Kennard, Township Engineer, and Robert Scafidi, Police Chief.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Scanzillo called the meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Scanzillo led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements from the Chair:** Mr. Scanzillo announced that the Supervisors had met in a brief executive session on April 28, to discuss personnel matters. No formal action was taken.
4. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment.
5. **Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2008 Board of Supervisors:**

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board approved the April 28, 2008 minutes as written.

6. Consideration of Old Business:

6.1. Continuance of Conditional Use Hearing Cricket Communication; TMP #26-012-041-001; to install additional antenna and construct new equipment building on existing facilities: The Conditional Use hearing was reopened and continued. The applicant submitted the Structural Analysis requested at the prior hearing. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed. Mr. Reiss then presented a proposed listing of conditions to the Board.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board approved the application, granting the Conditional Use Application of Cricket communications, subject to the following conditions, which the Solicitor will formalize within the formal adjudication;

- a. That the Applicant comply with all other applicable Township ordinances, State and Federal rules, regulations and statutes, including the Uniform Construction Code;
- b. That there be no additional lighting installed on the tower;
- c. That the antenna and Applicant's proposed equipment be as set forth on the plans and specifications filed with the application, Exhibit A-1;
- d. That the Applicant removes its antenna and equipment from the site when it no longer utilizes the site as a telecommunications facility;
- e. That the Applicant reimburses the Township for all its professional fees incurred in connection with this application;
- f. That the Applicant provide a updated Structural Report meeting the 100 mph wind gusts required by the Township Zoning Ordinance; and
- g. That the Applicant provides additional landscaping around the perimeter of the site to be reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer.

6.2. Continuation of Conditional Use Hearing; Cricket Communication TMP#26-005-056-001; to install additional antenna on the water tank and equipment cabinets on the ground: Mr. Scanzillo reopened and continued the hearing. The applicants Attorney submitted a letter from the NWWA (Exhibit A-8) for the record, and a Structural Analysis dated 4/16/08, (Exhibit A-9), with no additional testimony or evidence entered for the record. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed. Mr. Reiss then presented a proposed listing of conditions to the Board.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board approved the application granting the Conditional Use Application of Cricket communications, subject to the following conditions, which the Solicitor will formalize within the formal adjudication;

- a. That the Applicant shall comply with all other applicable Township ordinances, State and Federal rules, regulations and statutes, including the Uniform Construction Code;

- b. That there be no additional lighting installed on the tower;
- c. That the antenna and Applicant’s proposed equipment be as set forth on the plans and specifications filed with the application, Exhibit A-1;
- d. That the Applicant remove its antenna and equipment from the site when it no longer utilizes the site as a telecommunications facility;
- e. That the Applicant reimburse the Township for all its professional fees incurred in connection with this application;
- f. That the Applicant provide a lease or other authority from North Wales Water Authority for the proposed use; and
- g. That the Applicant provide additional landscaping around the perimeter of the site, (if there is any outdoor equipment installed) to be reviewed and approved by the Township Engineer. “Site” shall mean close proximity to the tower, and/or appurtenances being installed.

7. Consideration of New Business:

7.1. Authorization to advertise Ordinance No. 2008-4-1; Temporary Storage Structures:

MOTION: After review of the proposal by Mr. Bender, and agreement to slightly modify the front yard setback to 5’ from the public sidewalk, and outside of any required sight triangle; Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board authorized the advertisement of the proposed ordinance.

8. Board of Supervisor Reports: Mrs. Haun reported that the LPEAC and Public Works Department are working on installing a rain garden at West Branch Park. It was noted that the cost is estimated to be less than \$5,000.00 and that the environmental benefits are worth the time and expense. All Board members agreed.

9. Township Administration Comments: None.

10. Solicitor & Engineer Comments: No solicitor comments. Mr. Kennard reported that he had the final record plans for signature for the Cairone property, Lot 22 of the New Britain Business Park which had been previously approved. The Board agreed to sign the record plans.

11. Other Business: None.

12. Public Comment: None

13. Payment of Bills:

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board approved the bill list in the amount of \$150,438.54

14. Adjournment:

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the meeting was adjourned.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A. James Scanzillo, Chair

Robert V. Cotton, Vice-Chair

John A. Bodden, Sr., Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

William B. Jones, Member

Attest: _____
Robert C. Bender
Township Manager

Minutes approved on: _____