

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2009**

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on May 11, 2009, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Robert V. Cotton, Chairman, John Bodden, Vice Chairman, Helen B. Haun and Jim Scanzillo. Also present were: Eileen M. Bradley, Manager; Cathy Kichline, Assistant Manager; Susan Federsel, Treasurer; Robert Scafidi, Chief of Police; Steve Moyer, Solicitor; and Craig Kennard, Township Engineer.

A meeting was held at 5:30 p.m. with Julie Davis and Karin Honeybone of Dunlap & Associates, Township Auditors to review the 2008 Audit and Financial Statements.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Cotton called the Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Cotton led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Announcements from the Chair:** Mr. Cotton announced there was an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.
4. **Public Comment:** None.
5. **Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2009 Board of Supervisor meeting:**

MOTION: Upon motion of Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board approved the Minutes of the April 27, 2009 Board of Supervisor Meeting.

6. **Consideration of Old Business:** None.

7. Consideration of New Business:

7.1. Commendation of Merit to Officer Shawn Knight: Chief Scafidi presented Officer Shawn Knight with a Commendation of Merit for his display of compassion and decisiveness in gaining entry to a residence to aid and elderly person. The Board thanked Officer Knight for a job well done.

7.2. Commendation of Merit to Detective Jeff Cummins: Chief Scafidi presented Detective Cummins with a Commendation of Merit for his intelligent and aggressive investigation of a home improvement scam. The Board commended Detective Cummins for his meritorious conduct.

7.3. Preliminary Plan of Gross/Kolmus Subdivision: TMP# 26-4-1 and 26-4-2: Attorney John Koopman and Engineer Robert Showalter were present to discuss the revised preliminary plan of the Gross/Kolmus Subdivision. The subdivision proposes to consist of 36.84 acres tract with 15 lots for detached single family homes located on the south side of Upper Stump Road between Upper Church and Old Limekiln Roads in the Watershed Zoning District. The applicant received approval from the New Britain Township Planning Commission on January 20, 2009. Since that time, Gilmore and Associates has met with the applicant's professional staff and the plans have been revised to show offsite storm sewer improvements and other revisions. Mr. Kennard explained there are a few technical issues remaining. Solicitor Moyer presented a motion:

The Board of Supervisors can approve by motion the Preliminary Plans of Subdivision prepared by Showalter & Associates, Inc., consisting of thirty-six (36) sheets, dated February 16, 2007, last revised March 27, 2009, subject to the following Preliminary Plan approval conditions:

1. **Compliance with correspondence of Gilmore & Associates, Inc., dated May 7, 2009, including the specific requirements set forth in the following paragraphs:**
2. **Applicant shall deed restrict the 17.49-acres conservation areas through the execution of a conservation easement in a form and manner to be approved by the Township Solicitor. (Gilmore letter, Section II and Section III.B.1.).**
3. **On-lot septic systems and reserve systems shall be provided for each residential lot. (Gilmore letter, Section III.B.2.).**
4. **Applicant shall provide a copy of the clear sight distance easement which shall be a permanent easement with no expiration date. (Gilmore letter, Section III.B.7.).**

5. Execution of a stormwater management agreement in a form and manner to be approved by the Township Solicitor. (Gilmore letter, Section III.B.17.).
6. Applicant shall obtain a temporary construction and permanent storm sewer easement from TMP #15-35-66-1 and temporary construction easements shall be obtained from TMP #26-4-3-1 as required by the Township Engineer. (Gilmore letter, Section III.B.14.).
7. Contribution of a stormwater maintenance fee in the amount of \$12,158.00. (Gilmore letter, Section III.B.18.).
8. Creation of a streetlight district. (Gilmore letter, Section III.B.19.).
9. Contribution of a fee in lieu of dedicating the required park and recreation land in the amount of \$35,000.00.
10. Execution of a Well Guarantee Agreement in a form and manner to be approved by the Township Solicitor. (Gilmore letter, Section III.B.21.).
11. Creation of a homeowners association with final documents to be approved by the Township Solicitor.
12. Ownership of the detention basins located on Lots 10 and 15 shall be the responsibility of the homeowners association.
13. Execution of Development/Financial Security Agreements, in a form and manner to be approved by the Township Solicitor.
14. Compliance with all other applicable Township ordinances and County, State and Federal rules and regulations.

II. Waivers/Modifications.

The Applicant has requested the following waivers to the applicable sections of the Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance as follows:

1. §704.3 as to the centering of easements for drainage. This waiver was granted by the Board per correspondence of Grim, Biehn & Thatcher dated August 14, 2008, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
2. §705.14, §706.1, and §706.2 as to curbing, sidewalk, widening and storm sewer along Upper Stump Road provided that the proposed trail be 6 feet in width and off-site storm drainage improvements be installed along Upper Church Road and Old Limekiln Road to the satisfaction of the Township with the final design deferred until final plan approval (Gilmore letter, Section III.B.9.).
3. A partial waiver to §712.3.G. as to off-site topography provided that the off-site drainage area be delineated to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer. (Gilmore letter, Section III.B.15.).
4. §712.4.J. as to the grading requirements for detention basins provided that the basins contain a perforated underdrain. (Gilmore letter, Section III.B.16.).
5. §712.10.A. and C. as to swale design. (Gilmore letter, Section III.C.9.).
6. §407.A. as to two-year storms and drainage area SP-2.
7. §712.4.S.2 as to using stone voids for stormwater storage volume.
8. §715.2.A a waiver of the \$2,500.00 Park and Recreation fee for the existing unit.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Boddien, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board granted preliminary approval subject to the approval conditions, waivers and modifications.

8. Board of Supervisors Comments: Mrs. Haun reported the Executive Summary has been received from the state Water Resources Plan and is available for inspection at the Township Office.

MOTION: Upon motion of Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mrs. Haun, the Board appointed Eileen M. Bradley to the Chal-Brit EMS Board as New Britain Township’s representative.

9. Township Administration Comments:

9.1. Zoning Hearing Board Notice: Anthony Lepore, 37 Callowhill Rd.; and Garret & Meribeth Rampulla, 745 Skunk Hollow Road: Ms. Bradley informed the Board a Zoning Hearing is scheduled for May 13, 2009. The Board directed Ms. Bradley to send a letter to the ZHB in support of the Rampulla’s variance request to allow the applicant to utilize the Del Val Soil mapping instead of the required Bucks County Soil survey, subject to the Township Engineer’s review.

9.2. Doylestown Borough Request for Contribution for Veteran’s Memorial: Ms. Bradley indicated that we received a request for a donation of \$200.00 from Doylestown Borough for an additional plaque on their Veteran’s Memorial.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Scanzillo, the Board approved a donation of \$200.00 to Doylestown Borough toward their Veteran’s Memorial.

9.3. Swine Flu Update: Ms. Bradley informed the Board of various precautions taken to prevent the flu and that additional information is posted on the Township’s web site and the CDC web site.

9.4. MunicBid.com: Ms. Bradley informed the Board she posted three of our public works vehicles on the MunicBid site. Those interested on bidding on the vehicles should go to municibid.com.

9.5. Date of Upcoming Board of Supervisors Meeting: Ms. Bradley reminded the Board that the next Board of Supervisor’s Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28th.

10. Solicitor and Engineer Comments: Mr. Kennard gave a brief outline of the land development and subdivisions under review.

11. Other Business: None

12. Public Comment: None

13. Payment of Bills: Bill List dated May 4, 2009 in the amount of \$1,392.34 and bill list dated May 11, 2009 in the amount of \$85,280.59.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board approved the bills list dated May 4, 2009 in the amount of \$1,392.34 and the bill list dated May 11, 2009 in the amount of \$85,280.59.

14. Adjourn:

MOTION: Being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Robert V. Cotton, Chair

John A. Bodden, Vice-Chair

James Scanzillo., Member

Helen B. Haun, Member

William B. Jones, Member

Attest: _____
Eileen M. Bradley
Secretary/Manager