

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 16, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Monday, December 16, 2013 at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 7:05 p.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair A. James Scanzillo, Vice Chair Robert V. Cotton, Members Helen B. Haun, William B. Jones, III, and John A. Bodden, Sr.. Also present were Township Manager Eileen M. Bradley, Township Solicitor Peter Nelson, and Township Engineer Craig Kennard.

**1. Call to Order:** Mr. Scanzillo called the Meeting to order.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Scanzillo led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Announcements:** Mr. Scanzillo announced that the Board had met prior to this meeting in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, land acquisition and litigation.

**4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:**

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

**5.1. Minutes of December 6, 2013 Board of Supervisors' Regular Meeting:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously, to approve the December 6, 2013 Minutes as written.

**6. Departmental Reports:**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Haun and carried unanimously, to approve the November 2013 Code Department Report, Police Department Report, and Public Works Report.

**7. Consideration of Old Business:** There was no old business at this time.

**8. Consideration of New Business:**

**8.1. Weinman/Springer Subdivision and Conservation Easement:** The Board discussed the Weinman Property, 32.6 acres on N. Chapman Road in the Watershed (WS) District. The owner was interested in a Conservation Easement on 27.34 acres in a Standard Protection Zone; 2 acres would remain as a Minimal Protection Zone for the curtilage around the existing farmhouse; 3.26 acres would be subdivided off for the heir. The Board intended to apply for Bucks County Municipal Open Space Grant Program funding. To avoid rollback taxes on the divided acreage, the 3.26-acre parcel would be subdivided in two steps; less than 2 acres as Parcel "A" in 2013 and the remaining approximate 1.26 acres as Parcel "B" in 2014. Parcels "A" and "B" would be consolidated at settlement.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Bodden, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved the Weinman/Springer Subdivision and Conservation Easement, contingent on Township Engineer revising the plan to reflect a less-than 2 acre Parcel "A" to be subdivided in 2013 and a 1.26 acre Parcel "B" to be subdivided in 2014, and then consolidated.

**8.2. Resolution #2013-26: Authorizing Application to the Bucks County Municipal Open Space Grant Program for Weinman/Springer Conservation Easement:** Ms. Bradley requested approval to apply for Open Space Grant funding.

**MOTION:** Upon motion by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board unanimously approved Resolution #2013-26, authorizing application to the Bucks County Municipal Open Space Grant Program for Weinman/Springer Conservation Easement.

**9. Consent Agenda:** There was no Consent Agenda at this time.

**10. Board of Supervisors Comments:** Mr. Cotton inquired to the status of having the manholes fixed on Butler Avenue between County Line Road and Schoolhouse Road. Ms. Bradley stated that the Public Works Department would inspect the manholes to determine ownership, and then follow up with the appropriate utility company for corrective action.

**11. Township Administration Comments:**

**11.1. Park and Recreation Junior Member Vacancy Candidate Kyra Tustanowsky:** Ms. Bradley announced that the Park and Recreation Advisory Board had recommended Kyra Tustanowsky to fill a Junior Member Vacancy on the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee.

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously appointed Kyra Tustanowsky as a Junior Member on the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee.**

**12. Solicitor and Engineer Comments:** There were no Solicitor or Engineer Comments at this time.

**13. Other Business:** Mrs. Haun inquired about HB1523, recently enacted by the General Assembly. Mr. Nelson stated that the Act would allow municipalities to use up to 25% of their Open Space Fund annually for park maintenance. The 25% allocation would need to be segregated in the same fund under a new line item. Funds designated for maintenance could still be used to purchase open space. Mr. Nelson also stated that in future, municipalities might need to change open space taxation through voter referendum.

**14. Public Comment:** There was no public comment at this time.

**15. Payment of Bills:**

**15.1. Bills List dated December 12, 2013 for \$129,430.85:**

**MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Bodden, the Board unanimously approved the Bills List dated December 12, 2013 for \$129,430.85.**

**16. Adjournment:**

**MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Mrs. Haun, seconded by Mr. Bodden, and unanimously carried, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.**

**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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A. James Scanzillo, Chair

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Robert V. Cotton, Vice Chair

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John A. Bodden, Sr. Member

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Helen B. Haun, Member

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William B. Jones, III, Member

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Eileen M. Bradley  
Secretary/Manager

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