

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2024**

1. **Call to Order:** Cynthia Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Cynthia Jones led the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Presentation**

Birch Run, Toll Brothers, land development application.

Nathan Fox, representing the developer reviewed the status of the application. He stated that the developer will comply with all of the comments in the engineer's last letter.

Architectural renderings were presented and discussed.

Craig Kennard said that the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) recommended that modifications be made for the street lights and some landscaping.

Mr. Fox stated that the developer would comply with the requests to the extent that they could.

Craig Kennard said that the proposal modifications requested by the EAC are not in conformance with the Subdivision Ordinance. If the developer agreed to the modifications, a waiver would need to be sought and granted.

There was a general discussion with respect to the construction of sidewalks and pedestrian access.

MaryBeth McCabe questioned whether or not sidewalks to County Line Road would be provided.

Mr. Fox stated that the sidewalks to County Line Road would not be provided as there are no sidewalks along County Line due to the existing conditions of a steep embankment, drainage walls and stream.

The developer stated that they would construct two (2) landscape islands at the truck entrance to Creamery Tire.

Stephanie Shortall asked if the developer had selected names for the streets.

A discussion ensued with recommendation that the developer submit proposed names to the Fire Marshall for his review and recommendation.

Mr. Fox stated that the plans will be updated based on the latest engineer's letter and will be submitted for preliminary plan approval.

The Board directed solicitor to prepare a resolution granting preliminary plan approval.

Highpoint Development (Fox Line Homes) Blasting Permit Notification.

Craig stated that the developer has met all of the required notifications. The last step in the process is to notify the Board at a public meeting.

The Board accepted the public notification.

Interview – Park/Recreation Applicant

James Ivers, 75 Chapman Road, Doylestown, introduced himself. He has lived in the township for more than a decade and has been active in sports activities. He is currently the President of the Central Bucks Youth Association. He would like to bring his experience to New Britain.

Cynthia Jones asked where the Youth Association rents fields. Mr. Ivers stated that they rent fields in Doylestown Township, Plumstead Township, and Buckingham Township. There would be no conflict with New Britain as they do not rent fields here.

The Board thanked Mr. Ivers for attending the meeting and sharing his experience with the Board.

4. Consent Agenda

MaryBeth McCabe moved, seconded by William Jones to approve the Consent Agenda.

There were no Board comments.

There were no public comments.

The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

A. Approved regular bills listed in the amount of \$49,990.86

B. Approved prepaid bills list as follows:

- Dated March 8, 2024 in the amount of \$124,026.58
- Dated March 14, 2024 in the amount of \$11,023.37

- C. Approved payment #3 to AH Cornell in the amount of \$8,455.50 for the Neshaminy Trail Project.
- D. Approved change order to November 3 for the contract with AH Cornell for the Neshaminy Trail Project. The change order is in the amount of \$15,500. This is a credit. The total contracted price is \$332,249.23.

5. Action Items

Bridget Kunakorn moved, seconded by MaryBeth McCabe to approve Resolution 2024-5 authorizing the administration to investigate the feasibility of forming the Neshaminy Watershed Consortium.

There were no Board comments.

There were no public comments.

The Board unanimously adopted Resolution 2024-5.

William Jones moved, seconded by Stephanie Shortall, to inform Chalfont Borough of New Britain's concurrence with their comprehensive plan update.

There were no Board comments.

There were no public comments.

The Board unanimously concurred with the Chalfont Comprehensive Plan update.

Stephanie Shortall moved, seconded by William Jones, to authorize purchase of concrete block from RediRock for the retaining wall at the Public Works garage in the amount, not to exceed, \$17,000.

There were no Board comments.

There were no public comments.

The Board unanimously authorized the purchase.

Appointment – The Parks and Recreation Committee

Cynthia Jones asked the Board for their comments and recommendations.

William Jones recommended Kathleen Dutille be appointed.

Bridget Kunakorn recommended Brooke Newborne be appointed.

MaryBeth McCabe concurred with Bridget Kunakorn and stated that Brooke has been involved in many Parks and Recreation events.

Stephanie Shortall felt that Mr. Ivers would be a good appointment based on his interview.

Cynthia Jones stated that each Supervisor would nominate one individual for the position. The individual who receives the most nominations will be appointed.

Bridget Kunakorn nominated:	Brooke Newborne
MaryBeth McCabe nominated:	Brooke Newborne
William Jones nominated:	Kathleen Dutil
Stephanie Shortall nominated:	Kathleen Dutil
Cynthia Jones nominated:	Brooke Newborne

Brooke Newborne was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Committee for a term ending 12-31-25.

MaryBeth McCabe moved, seconded by William Jones, to accept the bid of Eureka Stone for the blacktop material in the amount of \$147,847.

There were no Board comments.

There were no public comments.

The Board unanimously accepted the bid of Eureka Stone Quarry Inc.

MaryBeth McCabe moved, seconded by Stephanie Shortall to accept the bid of Plumbstead/Chalfont Quarry, Division of Naceville Materials.

6. Information Items

A. Department Reports

The Chief stated that he had held a department staff meeting. The corporal examination has been scheduled. The officers are planning for Corporal Joseph Karpovich's retirement which will be in late April.

B. Engineers Report

Craig Kennard stated that he had met with the representatives from Plumstead Christian School on their proposed land development. Their primary issues are related to sewage management. They will require zoning relief as they purchased an adjoining property that is not zoned institutional.

His office is working with the township on the third packet of proposed changes to the zoning ordinance. These proposals may come to the Board at the April Board Meeting.

He stated that there was significant discussion at the recent Capital Plan staff meeting about obtaining survey work for the North Branch and the Pine Run Trail. The time for an aerial flight is fast closing. He requested that the Board direct him to prepare a multi stage proposal for survey work for the two projects.

The Board directed Craig Kennard to prepare a proposal for them to consider at the April 1 Board Meeting.

7. Public Comment

There were no public comments

8. Board Comments

Bridget Kunakorn said that the Easter Egg Hunt may be held indoors due to the inclement weather.

MaryBeth McCabe had no comments.

William Jones had no comments.

Stephanie Shortall had no comments.

Cynthia Jones stated that the Board was accepting applications for the appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board.

The Parks and Recreation Committee would meet on Tuesday, March 19, the Veterans Committee would meet on March 20 and the EAC would meet on March 28. The next Board of Supervisors Meeting would be on April 1, 2024.

The Township would be closed on March 29, 2024.

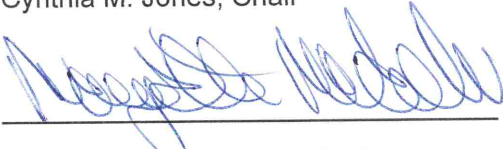
9. Adjournment

On motion, Stephanie Shortall, seconded by William Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

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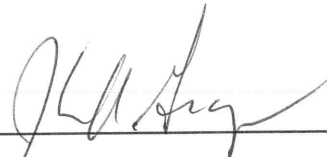
Cynthia M. Jones, Chair



MaryBeth McGabe, Vice-Chair



William B. Jones, III, Member

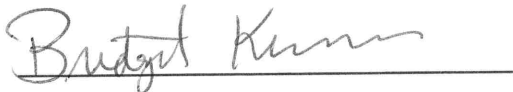
Attest: 

John A. Granger,

Interim Township Manager/Secretary



Stephanie Shortall, Member



Bridget Kunakorn, Member

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