

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING MINUTES
April 3, 2023**

A Regular Workshop Meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2023, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, PA, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors: Chair William B. Jones, III, Vice-Chair Stephanie Shortall, Members, Gregory T. Hood, Cynthia M. Jones, and MaryBeth McCabe, Esq. Also present were Township Manager Matt West, Assistant Manager Michael Walsh, Public Works Superintendent Ryan Cressman, Police Chief Richard Clowser, Township Engineer Craig Kennard, P.E., and Township Solicitor Sean Gresh, Esq.

1. **Call to Order:** Mr. Jones called the meeting to order.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Jones led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Chair Comments:** Mr. Jones announced that the Board had met in Executive Session before the Meeting to discuss personnel issues, land acquisition, and litigation.
4. **Public Hearing**

- A. Ordinance 2023-02-01: Update Chapter 16, Part 1 Establishing a Parks & Recreation Board

Mr. Gresh stated the Ordinance was re-advertised, and the Public Hearing was continued from the March 20, 2023, Business Meeting. He asked if the Board or public had any comments. The Board discussed Ordinance 2023-02-01: Update Chapter 16, Part 1 Establishing a Parks & Recreation Board.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Shortall and unanimously carried, the Board closed the Public Hearing for Ordinance 2023-02-01: Update Chapter 16, Part 1 Establishing a Parks & Recreation Board.

Mr. Gresh stated that the ordinance would be an action item at the April 17th Business Meeting.

5. **Presentation Items:** (Information only. Possible action to be taken by the Board at the next Business meeting.)

- A. None

5. **Subdivision/Land Development Projects:** (Information only. Possible action to be taken by the Board at the next Business meeting.)

- A. Manor Drive & Andre Drive – NBCC Lots 2 & 4 – Sketch Plan

Ed Murphy, Esq. Attorney, William Rearden Engineer, and Greg Rodgerson Applicant appeared on behalf of the applicant. The applicant presented updated details of their sketch plan for Manor Drive & Andre Drive – NBCC Lots 2 & 4. The board discussed the sketch plan with the applicant and the Township's professionals.

No action was taken at this time.

6. Zoning Hearing Board Applications:

- A. 340 Park Avenue
- B. 308 Dorothy Lane
- C. 180 New Britain Blvd/354 Schoolhouse

Mr. Gresh presented the Board with the details of the three Zoning Hearing Board applications. The board discussed the applications and took no action. The zoning hearing board will decide.

7. Information Items:

A. Departmental Updates:

i. Administration:

1. North Wales Water Authority Ferry Road Water Main Project: Mr. West addressed the closing of Park and Ferry Roads by NWWA/NPWA as of April 10, 2023. It will be closed from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, allowing access to residents and people needing access to local destination points. Parks and Recreation Coordinator, Bill May, will contact teams who use our fields to make them aware. The closure should not affect those people as they attend the games outside the construction window. As it is not our project, the Township will advertise any information provided by NWWA on our website and social media.

Gene Dolan of Indian Creek Way asked about how residents could stay informed. Mr. Walsh stated that NWWA had a webpage dedicated to the project that would be updated regularly with closure information and other project updates.

2. Neshaminy Greenway Trail Update: Assistant Manager Mike Walsh stated that the permit had been approved and is hopeful for construction to start in July ending by the end of 2023

3. Tricentennial Fireworks: Mr. Walsh stated that the Tricentennial Committee would be given directions at their meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, to provide motions for the board to approve at the next BOS meeting. A more detailed plan has been requested from the Tricentennial Committee for the fireworks display. The next step is to meet with all Emergency Management personnel and the Fireworks company. Mr. Hood discussed the lack of fundraising for the event by the committee.

4. Opioid Settlement: Mr. West explained the settlement process and stated that municipalities receive minimal funds from the state. Another round of settlements will be available. The board discussed the use of those funds once they are received.

5. Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Draft Ordinance: Ms. McCabe discussed the two versions circulated to the Board and recommended taking the verbiage directly from the statute. Margaret Briggs of Forest Park Drive made public comments about the necessity of an EAC. Mr. Gresh will revise the ordinance using the Board's recommendations, and a motion to advertise will be added to the April 17th Business Meeting.

Margaret Briggs of Forest Park Drive favored the formation of an Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) and inquired about additional details.

ii. Police:

1. Entry-Level Police Officer Hiring Update: Chief Clowser stated it was discussed at the Executive Board Meeting and will continue to provide updates.

iii. Public Works: Mr. West provided the Public Works update.

iv. Parks & Recreation: Mr. West discussed the excellent turnout for our Plan B Easter Bunny event and thanked all staff and volunteers involved. Mr. West also addressed the landscaping plan for the building and the landscape architect, a Parks & Recreation board member.

v. Finance: Mr. West provided the Finance update.

B. Board Comments: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Shortall, and Mrs. McCabe all discussed the success of the Easter Plan B and suggestions for next year.

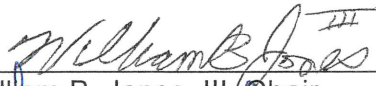
8. Public Comment: None at this time

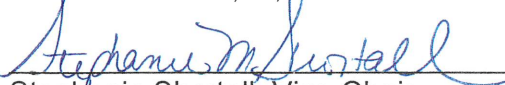
9. Announcements: Mr. Jones announced that the Board's next meeting was on Monday, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. and called for a motion to adjourn.

10. Adjournment:

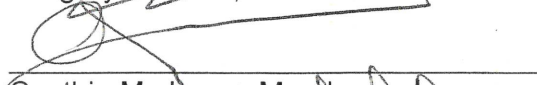
MOTION: There being no further business or comment, a motion was made by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Shortall, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 pm.

NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS


William B. Jones, III, Chair


Stephanie Shortall, Vice Chair


Gregory T. Hood, Member


Cynthia M. Jones, Member


MaryBeth McCabe, Esq., Member

Attest:


Matt West
Secretary/Township Manager

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