

**NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
MARCH 4, 2019**

Chairman Ronald J. Heintzelman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. In attendance were Supervisors Mark Hills and Dennis Klusaritz, Attorney Lisa A. Young, Manager Jeff Bartlett and Secretary/Treasurer Brenda Norder.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting of February 4, 2019 were approved. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. A request for bids for various aggregates and paving materials has been advertised and bids will be publicly opened on March 21<sup>st</sup> at approximately 8:45 AM.
2. Tires will not be accepted for recycling until April 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. The Board issued a proclamation honoring Rick Miller for his years of service to the township Recreation Board.
4. An Executive Session was held on February 28, 2019 to discuss personnel matters.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the February Treasurer's report and the register of checks # 13927-14025 were approved as presented. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**GIRL SCOUT PRESENTATIONS FOR PARK PROJECTS**

Girl Scouts Kaitlyn Mericle and Keaira Lutz, of Troop 6088, gave presentations regarding their proposed park projects. They are both working on the Girl Scout Gold Award. Kaitlyn's project proposes several new pieces of playground equipment in order to make parks accessible to children with disabilities. Keaira's proposal is to create a dog park at the Neffs Park. This park would include separate parks for large and small dogs. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved the projects to go forward.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**RIDINGS AT PARKLAND                      REVISED FINAL                      PHASE 1**

Atty. Joe Piperato, Richard Krasley and Eng. Phil Malitsch representing the Ridings at Parkland presented the Plan to the Board.

Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Revised Final Plan, subject to the following conditions and the following waivers and deferral, was approved.

Conditions:

1. The Developer shall comply with all of the recommendations contained in the letter from the General Planning Engineer dated February 28, 2019, including but not limited to all outside agency approvals and Township Act 167 approval.
2. The Developer shall provide landscaping plans regarding the replacement of trees to the satisfaction of the Planning Engineer under Zoning Ordinance Section 514 or to the satisfaction of the adjoining neighbors along that portion of the plan (Stinner).
3. The basin will be maintained by a homeowners association, not by the township.

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**Waivers:**

1. Section F.04, requested 3:1 basin slopes,
2. Section F.04.E requested flat bottom basin.

**Deferrals:**

1. With regards to the 2007 condition #19, a request to defer any offsite traffic improvements until a future phase of the project would warrant a traffic study.
- Atty. Samuel Cohen, on behalf of adjoining neighbors Charles and Katherine Stinner, asked for clarification of the preservation of the tree line.
  - Jeff Johnson, Old Mile Hill Rd, Orefield, stated that the negotiations between him and the developer involved a payment schedule and roll back taxes.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

**SEWER PLANNING MODULE      WAREHOUSE DEVELOPMENT**

Jim Snyder and Matt Nunn presented the request for a Sewage Planning Module Exemption, for development of 2 warehouses, to the Board. Upon motion by Mark Hills, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Manager is authorized to sign the Sewage Planning Module Exemption. Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**ADDRESS SIGNS      DISCUSSION**

Supervisor Heintzelman noted that while working on a recent project, he discovered many homes without proper house numbers posted. He stated this presents a problem for emergency responders. He recommended that the township mandate the use of the reflective address signs. These signs are currently being sold by the fire companies. Supervisor Hills suggested residents should have a choice of sign colors and not just mandate green signs.

Upon motion by Ronald J. Heintzelman, seconded by Dennis Klusaritz, the Board approved the enactment of an ordinance to require all property owners to install a reflective address sign on their home or property within 9 months of the adoption of the ordinance. In addition, the motion would also amend the current Resolution 8-17-94, to require the installation of the reflective address sign prior to receiving an occupancy certificate on new construction.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes.

- Eugene Wolfgang, Faye Dr., Orefield, discussed issues related to mobile home parks.
- Jim Steward, Neffs Fire Chief, stated the fire companies were selling the signs, at cost, to township residents, and noted that whatever the Board enacts must be enforceable.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Mr. Bartlett stated that the Open Space/Farmland Preservation Referendum will be on the May primary ballot. Voters would determine whether or not to approve the proposed one tenth of a mill increase to fund the Open Space and Farmland Preservation initiative. He also requested Board approval to publicize the referendum.

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Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized the Manager to move ahead with developing a promotional program for the referendum.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

- He also announced the following: the Rezoning Ordinance Hearing was rescheduled to March 7, 2019 and the Zoning Hearing Board meeting was rescheduled to March 14, 2019.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- Atty. Young requested Board's approval for the Chairman to sign documents.

Upon motion by Dennis Klusaritz, seconded by Mark Hills, the Board authorized the Chairman to sign the Improvements Agreement for the Plan of Net Zero.

Roll call: Mark Hills - yes; Ronald J. Heintzelman - yes; Dennis Klusaritz - yes. There were no public comments on this item.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR (Non-agenda items):**

- Jim Morris, Riverview Rd., Slatington, stated the pothole close to the pipes under Red Hill Road is reforming. He also outlined some of the Federal government's requirements involved in naming streams or natural features. He would like to see more unnamed township streams receive names. He suggested asking the public to submit possible names.
- Jan Sutermeister, Hawk View Road, Germansville, reported that neighboring townships were interested in building a year-round swimming pool and wanted to make the Board aware of the plan.

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Norder, Secretary/Treasurer