

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02-01

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
NEW BRITAIN, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ESTABLISHING A PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Second Class Township Code at 53 P.S. §67204 authorizes Second Class Townships to establish Park and Recreation Boards for the purpose of supervising, regulating, equipping, and maintaining Township funded recreation programs and facilities in accordance with direction specifically delegated to it by the Township Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to establish a Park and Recreation Board to assist the Board of Supervisors with respect to parks and recreation and facilities related thereto within the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of New Britain Township that Chapter 16, Part 1 of the New Britain Township Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

PART 1 PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

§16-101 Establishment of Park and Recreation Board The Board of Supervisors herein establishes the New Britain Township Park and Recreation Board whose responsibilities shall be to assist the Board of Supervisors with respect to the supervision, regulation, and maintenance of Township funded recreation programs and Township facilities.

§16-102 Membership of Park and Recreation Board Members of the Park and Recreation Board shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The Township Park and Recreation Board shall consist of 5 (five) members who shall each serve for a term of 5(five) years or until their successor is appointed, except that members first appointed shall be appointed so that no more than two (2) member's term shall expire annually. Members shall serve without compensation. Members must be residents of New Britain Township. Vacancies occurring other than by the expiration of a term shall be for the unexpired term and shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.

§16-103 Organization of Park and Recreation Board Members of the Park and Recreation Board shall elect a Chairman and Secretary and select all necessary Officers to serve for a period of one (1) year. The New Britain Township Board of Supervisors may adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of all business within the jurisdiction of the Township Park and Recreation Board. The Park and Recreation Board shall, upon request from the Board of

Supervisors, submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors of its activities during the calendar year.

§16-104 Expenses of the Park and Recreation Board The Park and Recreation Board shall not be authorized to spend any funds in the absence of the approval by the New Britain Board of Supervisors. The Park and Recreation Board shall be advisory in nature, and shall have no authority to make any decisions with respect to issues associated with parks and recreation within the Township, as that responsibility rests solely with the Board of Supervisors.

§16-105 Meetings of the Park and Recreation Board The Park and Recreation Board shall hold an organizational meeting in January of each year following the organizational meeting of the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors. The Officers as noted previously in this Ordinance shall be elected at the organizational meeting. All meetings of the Park and Recreation Board shall be advertised to the public in accordance with the provisions of the Sunshine Act. The New Britain Township Board of Supervisors shall adopt such rules and regulations necessary for the conduct of the business of the Park and Recreation Board in order to carry out its purposes.

§16-106 Minutes of the Park and Recreation Board The Park and Recreation Board shall keep minutes of its meetings and activities and shall, on occasion, as requested, make oral and/or written reports to the New Britain Township Board of Supervisors from time to time. At a minimum, the board shall submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors, including an analysis of the adequacy and effectiveness of community recreation areas, facilities, and leadership. Minutes, at the minimum, shall include those persons in attendance at the meeting, motions made by the Park and Recreation Board, as well as any recommendations. The Minutes shall be provided to the New Britain Township Manager and/or his/her designee.

§16-107 Liaison to Park and Recreation Board The New Britain Township Board of Supervisors may appoint one (1) or more members of the Board of Supervisors as a liaison to the Park and Recreation Board.

§16-108 Authority. Neither the Board nor its members shall have authority to enter into any contracts without the approval of the Board of Supervisors to the extent same would impose any liability on the Township.

§16-109 Severability. If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance so long as it remains legally enforceable minus the invalid portion. The Township reserves the right to amend this Ordinance

or any portion thereof from time to time as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the promotion of the purposes and intent of this Ordinance, and the effective administration thereof.

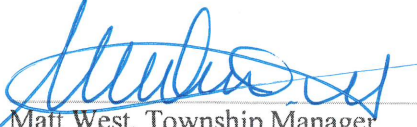
§16-110 **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

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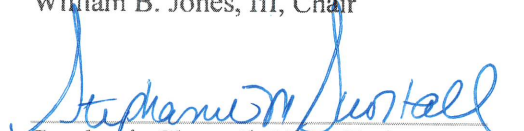
THIS RESOLUTION was duly adopted this 17th day of April, 2023.

**NEW BRITAIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

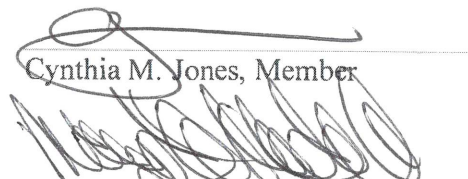
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