

**EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**JULY 14, 2015**

**AGENDA**

**I. Hearing on Referendum Ordinance**

- A. Chairman Opens Hearing**
- B. Chairman Recesses Hearing**

**II. Work Session**

- A. Chairman Opens Work Session**
- B. Chairman Recesses Work Session**

**III. Regular Meeting of the East Nottingham Township Board of Supervisors**

- A. Chairman Opens Meeting**
- B. Chairman Recesses Meeting**

**IV. Chairman Reopens Referendum Ordinance Hearing**

- A. Turns Over to Solicitor**
  - 1. Proof of Publication of the Hearing**
  - 2. Description of Ordinance Provisions**
  - 3. Information Concerning Revenue and Expenditures**
  - 4. Public Comment**
  - 5. Adjourn Hearing**

**V. Work Session**

- A. Chairman Reopens Work Session**
- B. Chairman Adjourns Work Session (if no agenda)**

**VI. Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors is Reopened**

**Adoption of Referendum Ordinance is agenda item on regular meeting**

**MINUTES**  
**EAST NOTTINGHAM TOWNSHIP**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**HEARING ON TAX REFERENDUM ORDINANCE**  
**JULY 14, 2015**

The Board of Supervisors of East Nottingham Township held a hearing on the adoption of an ordinance to place a referendum question on the November ballot to retain or repeal the Earned Income Tax for open space. The hearing was held in the Township Building on July 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing was to present the proposed ordinance to establish a referendum question to be placed on the ballot for November, 2015 concerning the continued imposition of the Earned Income Tax for the purpose of acquiring interests in open space. Those present were: Chairman Scott Blum, Vice Chairman Art Rieck, Supervisor John P. Coldiron, Supervisor Jane Ladley, Supervisor Joe Raffa, Zoning Officer P.J. Scheese, Secretary Pat Brady, Township Treasurer Suzanne Hamlin and Winifred Sebastian, Solicitor and members of the public.

The hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman. The hearing was immediately recessed for purposes of opening the work session and regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors which were then recessed. The Chairman then reopened the hearing and turned the hearing over to Winifred Sebastian, Solicitor.

The Solicitor placed into the record the Proof of Publication of the advertising of the hearing in the Daily Local News and the Chester County Law Reporter. She then described the ordinance provisions which specifically establish a referendum question to be placed on the ballot for November, 2015 concerning the continued imposition of the Earned Income Tax for the purpose of acquiring interests in open space.

After the ordinance was described, information concerning the funds currently available from the tax as well as expenditures from the funds were presented by the Treasurer. The hearing was then opened for public comment on the ordinance.

At the hearing the following individuals from the public asked questions or made comments about the tax.

ENT Residents

- Patrick Hallihan , Committeeman- 116 Duck Farm Road people against tax, why not let people decide
- Dave Golder- 460 Frog Hollow Road, people did not know what they were voting for, alot to pull out of pocket
- Joe Herlihy- 148 Blackburn Drive, go back to public opinion
- Kate Raffa- 335 Heron Drive, people should be able to vote
- Debbie Golder- 460 Frog Hollow Road, go back to people
- Mark Patterson- 213 Paper Mill Circle, back to people
- Melvin McDowell Jr.- 464 Fifth Street, for the tax, people should be able to vote
- Tom Ferro- 337 Redbud Drive, Committeeman, put it to referendum

- Shelly McLeod- 822 Slate Hill Drive
- Joe Scheese- 628 Lit'l ElkCreek Road
- Sam Goodley- 829 Lit'l Elk Creek Road, the program works and has been successful
- Gary Coates- 886 Waterway Road, back to the people
- PJ Scheese-628 Lit'l Elk Creek Road, taxes are a tool, people need to keep voting
- Bob Tango- 176 Blackburn Drive, give voters a chance
- Michael Watson- 416 Buttonwood, leave it up to the Board
- Mrs. Blum- 343 Freese Road, keep at 0 to protect township, putting it on referendum is a mistake
- Bill Weaver- 94 Woodland Drive, I don't mind paying ½ % for not building
- Mrs. Raffa- do farmers have to accept tax base? is it lower in rural areas
- Rick Orner- 699 Barren Road, no one spoke about infrastructure, , analyze the farms to be preserved, do something constructive and stop the building
- Joe Raffa- can a farmer back out
- Ed Jeffers- Act 319 farmers get a reduced tax
- Art Rieck- break to everyone not just retired people
- Joe Scheese- regarding what Sam Goodley said, retired people will take a hit.
- John Goodall- EIT all comes here if you work in another township Oxford School District

Oxford School District Residents

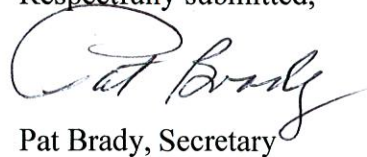
- Terri Dignazio- Lower Oxford Township

Not In District

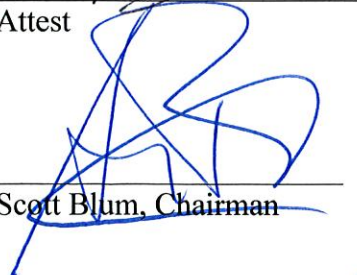
- John Goodall- lives in Octorara School District, supports open space program, great tool

A call for any other comments received no response. The chairman adjourned the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

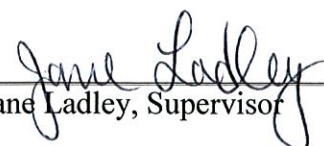
  
Pat Brady, Secretary

  
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Scott Blum, Chairman

  
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Art Rieck, Vice-Chairman

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John P. Coldiron, Supervisor

  
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Jane Ladley, Supervisor

  
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Joe Raffa, Supervisor