

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

June 28th 2011, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus
Palmira Miller
Bill Hourigan

Linda Conner
Faye Maloney
Joe Maloney

Mary Jo Evans
Carolyn Phillips
Stephen Phillips

Mary Margaret Kashatus
Lucy Wazowicz (guest)

I. *President*, Tom Kashatus called the meeting to order on the above date and time, led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and proceeded with the order of business.

II. *Secretary*, Linda Conner read the minutes from the meeting of June 14th 2011. Mary Margaret Kashatus made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.

III. In the absence of *Treasurer* Francis Zaleski, President Tom Kashatus read and presented the treasurers report from June 14th 2011. Linda Conner made a motion that the report be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.

IV. *Reading of the Bills & Communication*

- a) The Non-Profit & Community Assistance Center is sponsoring a free workshop entitled, "Finding the Funding and Grant Writing Basics". The event will be held Wednesday, July 13th 2011 from 6:00 to 9:00pm at the Electric City Trolley Museum at the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton.
- b) The 13th Annual Pennsylvania Abandoned Mine Reclamation conference will be held at the Genetti Best Western Lodge in Hazleton on Friday, August 5th and Saturday, August 6th. NTCO was the recipient of the 2009 (EPCAMR) award from this event. Further discussion has been tabled until a meeting closer to the event date.

V. *Reports of Committees*

- a) Membership – Heidi Jarecki will sponsor new member, Olga Yudisky. Mary Margaret Kashatus made a motion to accept; seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. Palmira Miller will sponsor new member, Jayme Daniele. Linda Conner made a motion to accept; seconded by Bill Hourigan with all voting in favor. Palmira Miller will sponsor new, junior member, Krystal Daniele. Faye Maloney made a motion to accept; seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor. 2011 membership stands at 140 members with 6 junior members.
- b) Recycling – Tom reported that recyclable material is constantly coming in. As the purchase of a 5x10 utility trailer was previously proposed, Tom asked for approval to purchase the trailer from *Tractor Supply* with registration, insurance and miscellaneous fees at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00. Joe Maloney made a motion to accept; seconded by Carolyn Phillips, with all voting in favor. The trailer will be kept at the Earth Conservancy Compost Center in Newport Township. Tom plans on expressing his appreciation of EC in the upcoming newsletter.
- c) New Business – It was reported that *JD Creations* is no longer on West Kirmar Parkway in Wanamie. Whether the shop moved or had gone out of business was not known.
- d) Great American Clean Up – Coordinator Palmira Miller gave a brief presentation on the revised final report.
- e) Hospitality/Sunshine – Mary Margaret Kashatus made a brief presentation on her suggestions for the contribution policy of the organization towards deceased members. After lengthy discussion, no action was taken.
- f) Editorial – Bill Hourigan and Joe Maloney reported that all ads from the Winter Newsletter seem to be paid in full and that the ads from the Spring Newsletter have all been invoiced. Palmira made a motion for *Waste Management*, *Waste Reduction and Recycling Enterprises* and *JP Mascaro Inc.* to each receive a free ad in the upcoming newsletter in appreciation of their assistance during the "Great American Clean Up" event; seconded by Stephen Phillips with all voting in favor. Tom stated that he would like to see *Speedy's Auto Body* receive a free ad in appreciation of their material contributions to our recycling program. Carolyn Phillips made a motion to accept; seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor.
- g) Summer Fun – Palmira reported that two swimming trips to the pool in Mocanaqua are to be scheduled shortly. When available, the dates will be posted on the NTCO website.

VI. *Unfinished Old Business* ("Unfinished" items with new discussion only)

- a) Tom reported that an email was sent to Scott Chatley of the Newport Township Recreation Board regarding the installation at Coal Street Park of the park bench purchased by NTCO. It was also reported that one of the picnic tables provided by NTCO for the park is in need of a small repair.
- b) It was previously announced that US ARMY Staff Sergeant James Horning would assist in replacing the metal service markers stolen from Newport Center Cemetery. However, he must first receive an itemized list from the cemetery trustees.

VI. *Unfinished Old Business continued*

- c) The annual **5-Point Plan** will be discussed at the next meeting. Tom would like to see this completed so that presentation can be made to the Newport Township Board of Commissioners.
- d) The local chapter of *Spooky Off Road Riders* has agreed to a joint meeting with NTCO. No date has been scheduled.

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VII. New Business

- a) "Take Me Out To The Ball Game"; Tickets are available to see the S/WB Yankees take on the Pawtucket Red Sox on Friday, August 26th 2011. Game time is 7:05pm. Ticket price is \$13.00 each. Please contact Mary Margaret Kashatus to reserve your tickets as soon as possible.

VIII. Good of the Organization

- a) The first of five scheduled bike races sponsored by *Jack Williams Tire Co.* was held on Saturday, June 25th from 10am to 2pm at Patriot's Square in Nanticoke. Palmira reported that the NTCO information table and kid's craft table at the event were both busy. Over \$30.00 was made on basket chances, membership dues and donations. The Youth Wilderness Experience was on hand with information regarding their many outdoor activities. Palmira thought that there might be an opportunity there to benefit our Summer Fun Program. She thanked all the members that came out that day to help.
- b) Editor Bill Hourigan stated that the deadline for articles to be featured in the Summer Newsletter is July 15th.
- c) Remember that sponsoring new members and fundraising is the responsibility of all members.
- d) President Tom Kashatus has vowed to always ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense.
- e) As always, remember to support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter.

IX. Adjournment

Mary Jo Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner