

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

September 13th 2011, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Francis Zaleski	Joe Maloney	Paul Jarecki	Sharon Julius
Palmira Miller	Linda Conner	Faye Maloney	Heidi Selecky Jarecki	Joe Carey (Guest)
Bill Hourigan		Mary Margaret Kashatus	Carol Marcincavage	Chris Carey (Guest)
		Steve Masakowski	John Jarecki	

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 August 23rd 2011. Joe Maloney 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. Treasurer Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for September 13th 2011. Steve Masakowski made a motion that the Reserves allowed for Insurance, Fall Festival and Website all be returned to a zero balance; seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor. Steve Masakowski made a motion that the treasurers report with minor changes be accepted as read and placed on file; seconded by Bill Hourigan, with all voting in favor.

Prior to the reading of the **Bills & Communications**, **President** Tom Kashatus introduced guest attendees, Joe and Chris Carey, who made a presentation to introduce their company, **CRAZY RABBIT PAINTBALL** and announce their purchase of the properties known as *Concrete City* and *LS SKATARAMA*. Both sites will be developed for paintball excursions for public recreation and law enforcement training. The outdoor facility to be located at the *Concrete City* site has a planned opening date the weekend of November 12th – 13th 2011 to coincide with a Harvest Festival the company will be hosting in the parking area of the Educational Conference Center at Luzerne County Community College. Some 250+ vendors will be in attendance. When complete the project will have cost approximately 7 million dollars and employ at least 100 individuals.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communication

- A letter was received from Carol Marcincavage of the *Mill Memorial Library* thanking the organization for its' monetary donation of \$100.00 towards the Children's Reading Program. .
- It was announced that the *South Valley Chamber of Commerce* will be hosting an indoor Fall Craft Show and Flea Market on Saturday, October 8th 2011 at the West Side Playground in Nanticoke. Cost per space is \$15.00 with a \$5.00 refund at the door. Palmira Miller made a motion that NTCO have an information booth at the event; seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- A letter was received on behalf of Dr. Harold Palevsky and the Presbyterian Pulmonary Hypertension Program at the University of Pennsylvania thanking the organization for the monetary donation of \$100.00 given in memory of Russ Sager.
- A card was received on behalf of Sia Sager and family thanking the organization for the monetary donation of \$100.00 given to the Pulmonary Hypertension Program in memory of Russ Sager.
- A card was received from Brian & Denise Williams on behalf of the *Spooky Off Road Club* thanking the organization for "such a nice write-up" on the club featured in our Summer Newsletter.
- A monetary donation of \$25.00 was received from former township resident, Marguerite Izbicki for a "subscription" to our newsletter. Mrs. Izbicki enjoys receiving news from the area she still considers "home".
- It was announced that Representative Edward Pashinski (D-Wilkes-Barre) is lobbying for a postal stamp honoring coal miners. Members are asked to log on to www.coalminerstamp.com to cast their vote for such a worthy cause.

V. Reports of Committees

- Membership** – 2011 membership stands at 146 members with 8 junior members.
- Recycling** – Tom announced that the Luzerne County Tire Recycling Program will be held October 1st in Drums and October 8th in Hanover Township. NTCO will be participating in both events. Anyone with tires to be picked-up is asked to contact Tom Kashatus.
- Hospitality/Sunshine** – Mary Margaret reports that a card was sent to former township resident, Joe Staskiel and family in sympathy of the passing of his brother, Edward Staskiel. A card was also sent to Dave Guzofsky wishing him a quick recovery from his recent surgery. In other events, Mary Margaret reported that 18 members and guests attended the baseball game on August 26th and that even though our local team lost it "did not dampen the spirits" of those in attendance.
- Editorial** – It was announced the Paul and Heidi Jarecki would become the new editors of the NTCO newsletter, replacing Bill Hourigan, who decided to step down from the position. Palmira Miller made a motion to officially recognize Paul and Heidi as editors; seconded by Mary Margaret Kashatus, with all voting in favor. Palmira also made a motion for **CRAZY RABBIT PAINTBALL** to receive a free ad in our upcoming newsletter; seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. Paul and Heidi let it be known that CPS Printers has gone out of business and that a new printing company will be needed for the printing of our newsletters. Anyone with printer recommendations is asked to contact the editors as soon as possible.

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V. *Reports of Committees continued*

- e) Summer Fun – Palmira reported that the tie-dyeing event with Mr. Robert Hughes of EPCAMR on Wednesday, August 24th was a success. Attendees tie-dyed 63 tee shirts. The final cost for all three events featured in the 2011 Summer Fun Program was \$820.43. Palmira provided a cost analysis that will be placed on file.

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

- a) Linda Conner reported that the hats had been ordered with *Old Newport Decal Screen Printing* and should be in by the next meeting. The changes for the artwork size and font have been approved for the tee shirts and hoodies. Heidi Jarecki made a motion that the order for the tee shirts and hoodies be placed; seconded by Sharon Julius, with all voting in favor.
- b) Mary Margaret Kashatus reported that the committee formed to approve the **5-Point Plan** met and that the 35 recommendations have been narrowed down to 17. The committee will meet again on Sunday, September 18th, 6pm at the home of Mary Margaret to further improve on what will become the 5 recommendations that will be presented to the Newport Township Board of Commissioners.
- c) It was confirmed by President Tom Kashatus that the NTCO Fall Festival has been cancelled for 2011.

VII. *New Business*

- a) Paul Jarecki reported that he and Heidi had attended the meeting of the Newport Township Recreation Board earlier in the evening of September 13th. There was discussion on the gate replacement at the Wanamie Recreation Park and the fencing at the playground in Alden. It was asked if NTCO would be interested in assisting the Newport Township Board with funding for the purchase of handicap swings at the Alden playground. The cost would be approximately \$1,000.00. It was reported that Dave Hornlein was chosen for the board seat vacated by Murph Fletcher.
- b) As the proposed contribution of funds towards demolition of 42-44 Coal Street in Glen Lyon was turned down by the new owners of the property, Tom has asked if the organization would contribute the funds to the Newport Township Authority to offset the “soft” costs for the demolition of 144-146 West Main Street and 85 East Main Street Glen Lyon. Palmira Miller made a motion that \$2,000.00 be contributed towards the “soft” costs of demolition; seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.
- c) President Tom Kashatus proposed that the organization provide assistance to those affected by flooding in the Mocanaqua area. After some discussion, it was decided to provide a “bagged” lunch for approximately 150 individuals on Thursday, September 15th. Heidi Jarecki made a motion that \$400.00 be allowed for the purchase of food and necessary items; seconded by Mary Margaret Kashatus, with all voting in favor. Palmira Miller, who was chosen as coordinator for the event, reported that she contacted that local **PEPSI** Distributor and they have agreed to donate 30-40 cases of soda and/or water. Palmira, Sharon Julius and Linda Conner will meet on Wednesday to pick up the donations and make the purchases. Volunteers for the lunch preparation are to meet Palmira 8am on Thursday morning as delivery is planned for 11am.

VIII. *Good of the Organization*

- a) *President* Tom Kashatus appointed a committee for the election of new officers and members to the Board of Directors. The committee will be made up of the President, 1st & 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary and two [2] volunteers from the membership. Those interested in volunteering for the committee or running for office are asked to make their intentions known.
- b) President Tom Kashatus has vowed to always ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense.
- c) Keep in mind that new member sponsorship, fundraising efforts and support of the businesses that advertise in our newsletter is the obligation of all members.

IX. *Adjournment*

Francis Zaleski made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner