

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

October 23rd 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Francis Zaleski	Paul Jarecki	Sharon Julius	Ken Marquis (guest)
Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	Heidi Jarecki	Alice Dymond	Trish Gallagher (guest)
Bill Hourigan		Faye Maloney	Eugene Skordinsky	

I. President, Palmira Gregory Miller called the meeting to order on the above date and time and led those present in reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Prior to proceeding with the order of business, 1st Vice President Tom Kashatus introduced guest attendees, Ken Marquis and Trish Gallagher. Mr. Marquis spoke of his purchase of, renovation of and plans for the properties at 59 East Main Street, 61-63 East Main Street and 73 Spring Street in Glen Lyon. Where he was able, Mr. Marquis hired local contractors to perform the work and will continue to do so. The residential property on Spring Street is now ready for occupancy. The East Main Street properties will feature storefront rentals on the first floors with residential apartments on the second floors. Paul and Heidi Jarecki stated their interest in interviewing Mr. Marquis for the upcoming newsletter and provide further details of the investment Mr. Marquis is making in Newport Twp.

II. Secretary, Linda Conner read the minutes from the previous meeting of October 9th 2012. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for October 23rd 2012. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. There was a brief discussion on the handling of petty cash.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- Payment to be made to Carolyn Phillips in the amount of \$42.92 for an out-of-pocket expense incurred to provide lunch for the volunteers of the illegal dumpsite cleanup on October 13th 2012.
- Payment to be made to Palmira Miller in the amount of \$23.88 for an out-of-pocket expense incurred to provide donuts for the morning hours of the illegal dumpsite cleanup on October 13th 2012 and the *Adopt-a-Highway* cleanup on October 20th 2012.
- Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church* in Glen Lyon will hold a clam chowder and haluski sale event on Friday, November 16th 2012. Please see Palmira Miller if you wish to place an order.
- The Rosary Society of Holy Spirit Parish* will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, November 4th 2012 in the basement hall of Saint Adalbert's Church in Glen Lyon. Please see Heidi Jarecki for further details.
- The Women's Activity Organization of Newport Township* will hold their annual Children's Halloween Party on Saturday, October 27th 2012 at the American Legion in Glen Lyon.
- A letter was sent to the *Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection* to support the grant application submitted by *Earth Conservancy Inc.* for the mine land reclamation of the Bliss Colliery area in Newport Twp.
- A letter was sent to the *Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection* to support the grant application submitted by the *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* to plant native trees on the reclaimed land in the Nanticoke Creek Watershed area.
- Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful* will hold their annual Affiliate & Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Awards on October 30th 2012 in Latrobe, PA.

V. Reports of Committees

- Membership – Francis Zaleski will sponsor new members, Bernard (Sonny) & Susan Witkowski. Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept the new members, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that she would be placing orders to replenish the inventory of the NTCO memorabilia items sold by the organization.
- Newsletter Editors – Paul Jarecki reported that the Winter 2013 Newsletter is currently in the works
- Newsletter Advertisements – No Report
- Newsletter Distribution – No Report
- Recreation Board Meeting – No Report
- Fall Teen Dance – Sharon Julius reported that her committee is finalizing the details for the dance to be held Saturday, November 10th 2012 at the *American Legion* in Glen Lyon. The *Newport Township Police Dept.* have been notified of the event and will patrol the area. Anyone interested in helping out should see Sharon.
- Hospitality/Sunshine – No Report
- Recycling – Palmira Miller reported that of the 211 tires collected from the illegal dumpsite cleanups held off Kirmar Parkway in Wanamie and Pipe Road in Glen Lyon; 175 went for recycling and 36 went to *Waste Reduction Inc.*
- Publicity – No Report

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V. *Reports of Committees continued*

- k) Adopt-A-Highway – Palmira Miller reported that 13 volunteers were on hand to pick up debris from Kirmar Parkway in Newport Township. A total of 33 hours were worked and netted 40 bags of trash.
- l) NTCO Nomination Committee – The election to fill the open positions of officers and board of directors will be held at the meeting of Tuesday, November 27th 2012. Tom Kashatus asked that anyone interested in a position or to make a nomination should call him at home (570) 736-6981.
- m) Citizenship Award Committee – Nominations are being accepted for the Citizenship Award annually presented at the NTCO year end meeting. Teena Wrubel expressed her interest in nominating the late Jack Farrell of Wanamie. Palmira will look into the policy of posthumous awards and asked, in the mean time, that Teena submit her request in writing to the committee.

VI. *Unfinished Old Business*

- a) The *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* will hold their Annual Partnership Awards Dinner on Thursday, October 25th 2012 at the Woodlands Inn & Resort. Tom Kashatus, Paul & Heidi Jarecki and John & Carol Jarecki will attend on behalf of the organization.

VII. *New Business*

- a) The scheduling and venue of the NTCO Annual Year end Dinner Meeting was discussed. Linda Conner will contact the *Alden Manor Complex* on availability and price. Francis Zaleski stated that since the meeting of 2011 was held at the *Alden Manor*, he would contact *Maps' Restaurant* in Nanticoke on availability for a change of venue. Both will report at the next meeting.
- b) It was reported that a rumor has been circulating regarding the resignation of Jim Evans as the recently appointed *Acting Chief* for the *Newport Township Police Department*. If this is true or to what possible reasons there could be for the change was not known.
- c) Teena Wrubel asked what action was taken on a recent report of illegal dumping in the Polander Hill area of Newport Township when roofing shingles were found behind Saint Vladimir's Cemetery, an area that was cleaned up as part of an illegal dumpsite cleanup partnership between NTCO and *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* two years ago. Palmira Miller stated that both she and Tom Kashatus were notified about the dumping and informed the municipality of the incident. Earlier that day the *Newport Township Police* was notified of a home in the area undergoing renovation without a permit and the shingles were traced back to the homeowner, who stated that his son was supposed to properly dispose of the debris. The homeowner was told by police to clean up the area or he would be cited. There was a brief discussion on the possibility of "No Dumping" signs being posted, as well as what position the Newport Township Commissioners take on such matters.
- d) It was reminded that the *Newport Township Board of Commissioners* would hold their monthly meeting on Monday, November 5th 2012 at 6:00pm in the municipal building in Wanamie.
- e) It was reminded that Tuesday, November 6th 2012 is **Election Day** and everyone should get out and vote.

VIII. *For the Good of the Organization*

- a) Maintenance of memorial tree at the Wanamie Recreation Park is the responsibility of all members.
- b) The president of the organization will always ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expense as a measure of accountability.
- c) Members of the organization should attend public meeting throughout the township whenever possible.
- d) New membership, fundraising, etc. are the responsibility of each and every member.
- e) Whenever attending an event as an NTCO member, promote the organization with pride.
- f) As always, remember to support the businesses that advertise in the NTCO newsletter.

IX. *Adjournment*

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner