

# NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

October 9<sup>th</sup> 2012, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

## Attendees:

Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	John Jarecki	Sharon Julius	Paul Jarecki
Francis Zaleski	Faye Maloney	Alice Dymond	Heidi Jarecki	

**I. President.** In the absence of Palmira Gregory Miller, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President* Tom Kashatus called the meeting to order on the above date and time. In the absence of a quorum, Francis Zaleski made a motion to continue the meeting with seven members present, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor. The *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President* then led those present in reciting the *Pledge of Allegiance* and proceeded with the order of business. (With the late arrival of two members, the quorum was met at 7:00pm.)

**II. Secretary,** Linda Conner read the minutes from the previous meeting of September 25<sup>th</sup> 2012. Alice Dymond made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

**III. Treasurer,** Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for October 9<sup>th</sup> 2012. Linda Conner made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Sharon Julius, with all voting in favor.

## IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- a) It was reminded that *Pennsylvania Environmental Council* would hold their partnership awards dinner on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Woodlands Inn & Resort. Linda Conner made a motion for the organization to allow for attendance of five members at a cost of \$225.00, seconded by Faye Maloney, with all voting in favor. There was brief discussion on which members would be able to attend.

## V. Reports of Committees

- a) Membership – Tom Kashatus reported that there are currently 127 members. Eddy Rogowicz will sponsor new member, Joe Rogowicz. Faye Maloney made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that she would need to order more collectible miniatures and shirts to have on hand for the upcoming holiday season. She then made a motion to increase her fundraising reserve by \$500.00, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor. There was a brief discussion on the creation of the 5<sup>th</sup> miniature in the series of historical Newport Township sites. Lee would be the featured town. There was also some discussion on a special edition miniature to commemorate the *Newport Township Little League*.
- c) Newsletter Editors – Paul Jarecki reported that the Fall 2012 Newsletter had a few printing errors that were not the fault of the printer. A few words of the ending sentences of the “Valley with a Heart” article (page 4), “Namowicz Tournament” (page 5), “Cookbook & Remembrances” advertisement (page 15) and “How Lee Got Its Name” article (page 16) were missing. A notice of the errors with corrections and an apology will be featured in the Winter 2013 edition. The web version of the Fall 2012 Newsletter has the articles in their entirety.
- d) Newsletter Advertisements – Faye Maloney reported that Joe collected some advertisement payments and gave them to the treasurer.
- e) Newsletter Distribution – Tom Kashatus reported that due to his involvement with the recycling project at the former Peterfreund Building, distribution of the 1,400 copies of the newsletter was moving along, but slowly. Linda Conner offered Tom assistance with distribution if he needed it.
- f) Recreation Board Meeting – Paul & Heidi Jarecki reported that due to a lack of quorum, the meeting of the Newport Township Recreation Board for October 9<sup>th</sup> 2012 was cancelled.
- g) Fall Teen Dance – Sharon Julius reported that she and her committee were working on the event scheduled for Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2012. \$100.00 was paid to the *American Legion* in Glen Lyon for use of the hall. The flyers and posters for the event are ready to be placed throughout the township.
- h) Hospitality/Sunshine – Mary Margaret Kashatus reported via email that card was sent to Jamie and Matt Daniele congratulating them on the birth of a son. She also reported that the minutes of August 28<sup>th</sup> 2012 should reflect that a sympathy card was sent to Michael Yalch and family for the passing of his father-in-law, John M. Nagy, not his mother-in-law, as was recorded. This error has been noted and corrected.
- i) Recycling – Tom reported that he was working with the new owner of the former Peterfreund Building to clear the site for renovation.
- j) Tire Recycling – It was reminded that the recycling program in Hanover Township is scheduled for Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2012. To register, please call (800) 821-7654.
- k) Illegal Dumpsites – Pennsylvania Environmental Council has scheduled two, illegal dumpsite cleanups in Newport Township. Volunteers for the Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 2012 event should meet at the entrance of Saint Nicholas Cemetery in Glen Lyon to sign waivers and receive supplies & instructions. The second event is scheduled for Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 9:00am in the wooded area between Alden Manor and Chestnut Street. Carolyn Phillips will provide lunch for the volunteers. Sharon Julius made a motion to allow \$200.00 for the purchase of items needed to provide lunch, seconded by Alice Dymond, with all voting in favor.

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**V. Reports of Committees Continues**

- l) Publicity – John Jarecki reported that he would feature an article with photographs on the NTCO facebook site regarding the recent open house at *Northeast Recycling Solutions*.
- m) Adopt-A-Highway – Palmira Miller Gregory has scheduled the event for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2012. Volunteers are asked to meet in the parking lot of Saint Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church at 8:00am.
- n) NTCO Nominations Committee – The election for new, NTCO officers will be held Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- o) New Township Businesses – Tom Kashatus reported that Ken Marquis, the new owner of the business & residential property on the corner of Main & Spring Street (formerly owned by Nello Roke) and the business & residential property on Main Street in Glen Lyon (former Peterfreund Furniture Store) has begun renovations. There are plans for residential and storefront rentals and a possible “flea market” business.

**VI. Unfinished Old Business** - No old business discussed

**VII. New Business**

- a) Tom Kashatus reported that he was informed by Murph Fletcher of the new initiative currently featured by **WNEP Channel 16** that allows organizations to get exposure by reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance** on the air as part of their morning program. Tom stated that this might be something for NTCO to think about doing.
- b) There was a brief discussion on the “**All Class Reunion of Newport Township High School**” that was recently held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2012. Tom Kashatus reported that about 150 people were in attendance. He and Heidi Jarecki spoke of some ideas to make the experience even better next year.

**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**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner