

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

April 9th 2013, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Francis Zaleski	Paul Jarecki	Mary Jo Evans	Sharon Julius
Tom Kashatus	Linda Conner	Heidi Jarecki	Debbie Prokop	Alice Dymond
Bill Hourigan		John Jarecki	Faye Maloney	

I. President. In the absence of the president, *Ist Vice President* Tom Kashatus called the meeting to order on the above date and time. In the absence of a quorum, Faye Maloney made a motion to continue the meeting with six (6) members present, seconded by Francis Zaleski, with all voting in favor. The quorum was met shortly later with the arrival of the president and six (6) other members. The president led the recital of the *Pledge of Allegiance* and proceeded with the order of business.

II. Secretary, Linda Conner read the minutes from the meeting of March 26th 2013. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the minutes with the noted corrections, be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for April 9th 2013. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- An invoice was received from *Corbett Insurance Company* in the amount of \$744.00 for liability insurance on the Officers and Board of Directors.
- An out-of-pocket expense in the amount of \$24.87 was submitted by Carolyn Phillips for items purchased towards the meal(s) provided by the organization for the *Saint Theresa Haven* program on Saturday, April 6th 2013. Tom Kashatus submitted an expense of \$75.06 for the same. All expenses were covered by the monetary allowance voted on at a previous meeting.
- An invitation was received from *Boscov's Department Store* for an information seminar on their "Friends helping Friends" fundraising project to be held Tuesday, April 23rd 2013. Debbie Prokop expressed interest on attending on behalf of the organization.

V. Reports of Committees

- Membership** – Tom Kashatus reported that there are currently 153 members. Sharon Julius will sponsor Buddy Goss as a new, junior member. Linda Conner made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Tom Kashatus, with all voting in favor. Chris Gregory will sponsor Diane (Sidas) Melton as a new member. Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept the new members, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.
- Fundraising** – Heidi Jarecki had the template for the "*Najaka's Pond*" miniature, the fifth in the series of Newport Township historic site memorabilia. A few more adjustments were suggested.
- Newsletter Editors** – Heidi Jarecki stated that the spring newsletter is at the printers and will possibly be ready by Thursday, April 11th 2013. Paul Jarecki reported that Pauline Kashefski has offered information regarding the football career of her brother, Joe Tereshinski, who played for the *Washington Redskins*. Paul stated that he and Heidi were already stretched with their editorial and fundraising duties. Debbie Prokop has volunteered to interview Mrs. Kashefski for a newsletter article. It was reminded that volunteers are always appreciated for the interviewing and article writing process.
- Newsletter Distribution** – Tom Kashatus stated that if the newsletter was ready on Thursday, he will begin distribution on Friday, April 12th 2013.
- Publicity** – John Jarecki reported that he will provide both local newspapers with events and dates that NTCO has scheduled for the *2013 Great American Cleanup*.
- Newport Township Recreation Board** – Heidi Jarecki reported that the meeting scheduled for the evening of April 9th 2013 was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. Heidi, Paul Jarecki and Palmira Miller had all planned on attending. Palmira reported that she did speak with John Grabowski regarding the proposal for the swings to be purchased by NTCO for the Alden Playground. The cost of two (2) belt swings and two (2) infant swings is \$363.60. Paul Jarecki made a motion to pay for the swings. Tom Kashatus feels that the motion should not be voted upon because the purchase of the swings was not discussed during an official meeting of the recreation board. He further stated that he is concerned by the continued inactivity of the board. Paul stated that it has long been our intention to purchase the swings and that ultimately the playground would pay the price for not moving forward. Heidi Jarecki seconded the motion. Put to vote the motion passed with a margin of 11 to 2. Palmira stated that she would inform the *Newport Township Commissioners* of our intention at the work session on Wednesday, April 17th 2013.
- Recycling** – Tom Kashatus reported that the recycling program has been very slow and that so far; it was not shaping up to be a good year.

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V. Reports of Committees continued

- h) Great American Cleanup – Palmira reported that flyers have been made announcing the Big Junk Drop-Off and will be placed in area businesses around the township. Palmira also reported that she was contacted by Councilman Harry Haas of *Luzerne County* regarding the *Keep America Beautiful* program. She and Councilman Haas discussed possible cleanups throughout the county. It was reminded that volunteers are to meet at the Recreation Park in Wanamie for site improvement of the memorial tree on Saturday, April 13th at 9:00am. It was suggested that the gravel around the tree be removed and mulch spread for weed control. Volunteers are then to continue on to Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon at 10:00am. Debbie Prokop reported that she has made a list of items needed for the planting of the “butterfly garden” and will provide a cost proposal at an upcoming meeting.
- i) Teen Spring Dance – Sharon Julius reported that the *American Legion* in Glen Lyon has been reserved for Saturday, May 11th 2013 for the spring dance to be held from 6:00pm to 9:30pm. She also reported that Mike Figmic will be making pizza that night, which may be a convenient alternative to serve as refreshment. This will be the second dance sponsored by the community organization.

VI. Unfinished Old Business

- a) Tom Kashatus reported that the NTCO logo is still in the works. *Blasi Printing Company* was suggested as another source for design and manufacturing of the logo.
- b) The plaques for both the Citizenship Award Recipients and Deceased Members Memorial were updated and on display at the meeting of April 9th 2013.

VII. New Business

No new business discussed

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner