

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

April 23rd 2013, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

Attendees:

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

I. President, Palmira Gregory Miller called the meeting to order on the above date and time, led those present in 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 April 9th 2013. Heidi Jarecki made a motion that the minutes with noted corrections be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Debbie Prokop, with all voting in favor.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers report for April 23rd 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

- a) The renewal for the trailer registration was received from **PENDOT** in the amount of \$6.00. Bill Hourigan made a motion to pay the renewal amount, seconded by Sharon Julius, with all voting in favor.
- b) Tom Kashatus had an out-of-pocket expense in the amount of \$56.17 incurred for the purchase of mulch needed during the site improvement of the NTCO memorial tree. Heidi Jarecki made a motion to reimburse Tom for his expense, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- c) Heidi Jarecki presented a letter received from former township resident, Jean Krohle, expressing her enjoyment with the quarterly newsletter.
- d) Tom Kashatus presented a letter received from Eddie Day Pashinski, **State Representative of the 121st Legislative District**, conveying his appreciation for "all the time and energy put into making your community better"

V. Reports of Committees

- a) Memberships – Tom Kashatus reported that there are currently 162 members.
- b) Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that the suggested changes to the template for the "**Najaka's Pond**" miniature have been submitted to the **CATS MEOW**.
- c) Newsletter Editors – Paul and Heidi Jarecki reported that there is interest in the subscription plan for former township residents to receive the quarterly newsletter. Tom Kashatus stated that there were some problems experienced with the link for the spring 2013 newsletter. Palmira reported that this was due to the website being down for service.
- d) Newsletter Advertisements – Joe Maloney gave a brief update on the status of the newsletter advertisements and thanked Tom for his assistance with the new invoice format.
- e) Publicity – It was reported that John Jarecki submitted an article to both local newspapers regarding the events and dates that NTCO has scheduled for the **2013 Great American Cleanup**.
- f) Hospitality – It was reported that the brother of Frances Brunozzi had recently passed away. Mary Margaret Kashatus will be notified for a sympathy card to be sent to the family.
- g) Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that a load of sheet rock was taken to both the **Shickshinny Historical Society** and **AGAPE** in Bloomsburg. Tom also reported that he received \$170.00 in aluminum recycling for the old, scoreboard from the little league field and that he would like the monies to go back into the little league program. Accordingly, Tom Kashatus made a motion for a check in the amount of \$170.00 to be sent to the **Nanticoke (Newport Twp.) Little League**, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.
- h) Teen Spring Dance – Sharon Julius brought the flyers created by junior member, Buddy Goss advertising the dance to be held Saturday, May 11th 2013. A few changes were suggested. Sharon also reported that pizza made by Mike Figmic would be served as refreshment.
- i) Great American Cleanup – Palmira Gregory Miller briefly discussed the events that have been scheduled as part of this years' Great American Cleanup. Those interested in volunteering were asked to add their names to the sign-up sheet provided. It was reported that Chris Miller had a crew from the work-release program of the State Prison at Retreat clean debris from a few sites in the township, including West Main Street in Glen Lyon and Vandermark Road in Wanamie. Palmira reported that the **Spooky Off-Road Riders** cleaned up several of the more remote sites in the township. Volunteers met at Recreation Park in Wanamie on Saturday, April 13th to clean up the site of the NTCO memorial tree. Heidi Jarecki stated that she received advice from **Dundee Gardens** in Hanover Twp. with regards to caring for the tree, which was pronounced to be healthy. A total of ten bags of mulch were used at the site. The volunteers then proceeded to Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon, which was found to already have been cleaned up for spring by the **Newport Township Street Department**. Debbie Prokop provided a list of materials needed for the Butterfly Garden planned for Coal Street Park. Tom Kashatus made a motion for an allowance of \$200.00 be set aside to cover expenses, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor. Debbie reported that she would begin clearing the site on Saturday, April 27th 2013. Anyone interested in helping out should come to the playground between 10am and 1pm. Palmira stated that she would like to have written approval from Jack Vishnefski, Newport Township Commissioner of Recreation for the garden before the heavy work begins.

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VI. Unfinished Old Business

- a) Tom Kashatus expressed his frustration with the slow progress that is being made with the NTCO logo. Paul Jarecki stated that he had a computer program that may work for the organization to design its' own logo rather than an outside source.
- b) Debbie Prokop reported that she was unable to attend the "Friend helping Friends" fundraising seminar sponsored by *Boscov's Department Store* on Tuesday, April 23rd 2013.
- c) Paul & Heidi Jarecki provided a brief update on the creation of the sales flyers featuring NTCO merchandise. A rough draft of the flyer will be ready for presentation at the next meeting. Palmira Gregory Miller provided a price sheet for pencils that can be inscribed with the NTCO logo and website information that can be given away at events. The pencils are made from recycled tires and/or newspaper.
- d) Tom Kashatus stated his interest in being involved with the newsletter article on Joe Tereshinski. Debbie Prokop, who volunteered to interview the Tereshinski family regarding Joe's career in football, welcomed his assistance.
- e) Heidi Jarecki reported that the exhibit featured by the *Luzerne County Historical Society* on the movie; "MIRACLE OF THE BELLS" has been extended until August 2013. The movie is a fictionalized account of the life of actress, Olga Treskoff, a Glen Lyon native.
- f) Tom Kashatus reported that he would present the cost analysis for the *Saint Theresa Haven* program at the next meeting.

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

Joe Maloney made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tom Kashatus, with all voting in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner