

# NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

June 25<sup>th</sup> 2013, 6:30 P.M. EST

Guardian Elder Care Center • Sheatown PA.

## Attendees:

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|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Palmira Gregory Miller | Bill Hourigan   | Linda Conner | Joe Maloney   | Paul Jarecki  |
| Tom Kashatus           | Francis Zaleski | Faye Maloney | Mary Jo Evans | Heidi Jarecki |

**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 previous meeting of June 11<sup>th</sup> 2013. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the minutes with 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 June 11<sup>th</sup> 2013. Faye Maloney made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor. The treasurer then presented his report for June 25<sup>th</sup> 2013. After the noting of a few discrepancies, Francis stated that he would look into the matter and resubmit his report for June 25<sup>th</sup> at the next meeting.

## IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- Palmira Miller presented an invoice from **KC Hauling & Excavation** in the amount of \$90.00 for mulch that was used during the beautification project at Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon. Palmira stated that, including the invoices for the purchase of greenery, the total cost of the project was \$241.90. Joe Maloney made a motion to pay the total amount providing that this specific project was noted as separate of the Butterfly Garden, which is currently on hold. The motion was seconded by Tom Kashatus, with all voting in favor.
- Heidi Jarecki submitted an out-of-pocket expense in the amount of \$18.32 for the cost of copies of the newsletter draft that were provided to all members of the editorial board. Tom Kashatus made a motion to reimburse Heidi for the expense, seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting favor.
- A letter was received from the **Glen Lyon Crime Watch** announcing their **National Night out against Crime** on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 from 5pm to 8pm at the Wanamie Recreation Park. It was noted that donations are welcome. Heidi Jarecki made a motion that the amount of \$100.00 be given towards the event, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- A membership flyer was received from the **South Valley Chamber**. Tom Kashatus stated that **SVC** should not be confused with the **South Valley Chamber of Commerce**, as the two are separate and different entities.
- A verbal communication was received from Mike Yalch regarding NTCO involvement in a car show to be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 at **Saint Faustina's Grove** in Sheatown. Tom Kashatus stated that he would be interested in putting together a chili contest and made a motion for NTCO to partner in the event; this was seconded by Joe Maloney, with all voting in favor.
- A verbal communication was received from Vicki Frace regarding a September event to be sponsored by the **Saint Theresa's Haven** program. No exact date was given.

## V. Reports of Committees

- Memberships – Tom Kashatus reported that there are currently 181 members. As per NTCO policy, Tom Kashatus made a motion for Mary Selecky to receive free NTCO membership for 2014 in recognition of her recent donation of \$80.00; this was seconded by Mary Jo Evans, with all voting in favor.
- Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki reported that the “Najaka Pond” collectible miniature is in production. Attorney Chris Kule advised that NTCO was within legal boundaries to produce a likeness of this site for the purpose of selling the miniatures.
- Newsletter Editors – Paul and Heidi Jarecki gave a brief update on the summer newsletter, stating that corrections are being made to the draft and that printing could possibly be complete for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. Members of the editorial board were asked to remain after adjournment of the regular meeting for a brief discussion.
- Newsletter Advertisements – Joe Maloney gave a brief update on the status of the newsletter advertisements.
- Hospitality – Mary Margaret Kashatus reported via email that a “thinking of you” card was sent to Al Kanyuck, who is in the community living facility of the VA Medical Center. It was mentioned that Mrs. Piestrak and Mrs. Blasi both recently passed away. Heidi Jarecki stated that notice will be made in the upcoming newsletter.
- Recycling – Tom Kashatus reported that he collected enough electronics locally to merit two trips to the recycling center on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2013 as part of the **Luzerne County Electronics Recycling program**.
- Great American Cleanup & Beautification Projects – Palmira Gregory Miller reported that 35 volunteers put in over 100 hours for the recent beautification project at Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon. She also asked members to remember that the memorial tree at the Wanamie Recreation Park will need weeding throughout the growing season.
- Summer Fun Program – NTCO will sponsor two swimming events at the pool in Mocanaqua as part of their summer program for township kids. The outings are scheduled for Wednesday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 2013 from 10am to 2pm. Rain dates are scheduled for the day following each event. Refreshments will be provided.

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### ***V. Reports of Committees continued***

- i) Citizenship Award – A letter has been sent to each organization of Newport Township inviting their participation in the NTCO Citizenship Award program. Our members are asked to submit their nominations to the committee for consideration.

### ***VI. Unfinished Old Business***

- a) It was clarified that design #1 was voted as the NTCO logo of choice.
- b) Palmira Miller presented the flyers for the upcoming *Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RAILRIDERS* ballgame to be held Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2013. The Newport Township Community Organization will be the featured community group for the evening. Tickets are still available for the event. Palmira also presented bags that can be printed with our logo and given away at the event. The decision regarding promotional items must be made very soon to allow for production and delivery time.
- c) Palmira Miller reported that she has yet to receive a response regarding the repair of the picnic table at Coal Street Park and purchase order of the swings for the Alden Playground.

### ***VII. New Business***

- a) Tom Kashatus reported that demolition of the dwelling at 67-69 Newport Street in Glen Lyon has been completed and demolition 85 East Main Street in Glen Lyon was in progress. Tom also reminded of the NTCO commitment to offset “soft costs” incurred by the Newport Township Authority for specific property demolition.
- b) Tom Kashatus reported that a representative of *Ruth's Place* could be made available to make a presentation at an upcoming NTCO meeting. *Ruth's Place* provides shelter for women who are victims of spousal abuse.
- c) It was reminded that a meeting of the *Newport Township Commissioners* is scheduled for Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. NTCO members are encouraged to attend.
- d) The next meeting of the *Newport Township Community Organization* is schedule for 6:30pm, Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Coal Street Park in Glen Lyon.

### ***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 8:30pm.

Submitted by: Linda Conner