

## NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

July 23, 2013, 6:30 P.M. EST  
Coal Street Park, Glen Lyon, PA.

### Attendees:

Palmira Gregory Miller	Linda Conner	Alice Dymond	Heidi Jarecki	Steven Dymond (Guest)
Tom Kashatus	Sharon Julius	Cathy Goliash	Paul Jarecki	Melissa Wren (Guest))
Francis Zaleski		Faye Maloney		Tiana Wren (Guest)

**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 July 9<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 Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

**III. Treasurer,** Francis Zaleski presented the treasurers' report for July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2013. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, seconded by Sharon Julius, with all voting in favor.

Tom Kashatus introduced guest attendees, Melissa and Tiana Wren, who spoke on behalf of the *Luzerne County Girls Softball 12U team*. The team is the undefeated champions of both the Babe Ruth PA State Tournament and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Tournament. A fundraising effort is underway to offset the costs associated with their representation of Pennsylvania at the 2013 Babe Ruth World Series. Linda Conner made a motion to contribute \$250.00 to the team. Francis Zaleski stated that the amount of \$500.00 would be more accommodating and asked for an amendment. Linda Conner agreed to amend the motion to the amount of \$500.00, seconded by Heidi Jarecki, with all voting in favor.

### IV. Reading of the Bills & Communications

- An invoice was received from *George Ely Associates* in the amount of \$385.42 for the swings that will be installed at the Alden Playground. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the invoice be paid in full, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor. Palmira stated that Joe Hillian, of the *Newport Township Public Work,s* planned to have the swings up this week.
- An invoice was received from *FJ Designs Inc.* in the amount of \$584.35 for production of the "Najaka Pond" collectible miniature. Tom Kashatus made a motion that the invoice be paid in full, seconded by Francis Zaleski, with all voting in favor.
- A letter was received from the *Glen Lyon Crime Watch* expressing their appreciation of the \$100.00 monetary donation made by the organization towards the "National Night out against Crime".
- A letter was received from the *Mill Memorial Library* asking for a donation towards the fundraising effort underway to offset the costs associated with their children's' programs. Tom Kashatus made a motion to contribute \$100.00, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- A flyer was received from the offices of *State Senators John Yudichak and Lisa Baker* announcing the "First Responders Community Safety Day" that was held Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 2013 at *Luzerne County Community College*. It was mentioned that at the event, a brick was placed in the "Walk of Honor" to memorialize fallen hometown hero, Eric Williams, a Nanticoke native who was killed while on duty as a state prison guard. Linda Conner made a motion to contribute \$100.00 towards the scholarship fund that was formed in his memory, seconded by Tom Kashatus, with all voting in favor.
- Both Tom Kashatus and Heidi Jarecki read excerpts from the emails, cards and notes they received regarding the organization, its' newsletter and work performed within the community.

### V. Reports of Committees

- Membership – Tom Kashatus reported that there are currently 184 members. Alice Dymond will sponsor Steven Dymond as a new member. Tom Kashatus made a motion to accept the new member, seconded by Linda Conner, with all voting in favor.
- Fundraising – Heidi Jarecki gave a brief update on NTCO memorabilia sales and brought the "Najaka Pond" collectible miniature that is complete and ready to sell.

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### **V. Reports of Committees (continues)**

- c) Newsletter (Editors, Advertisements & Distribution) – It was reminded that a meeting of the editorial board has been scheduled for 6:30pm, Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the home of Paul & Heidi Jarecki. Linda Conner made a motion that ***Shampooch Pet Grooming Salon*** be given a free advertisement in the upcoming newsletter, seconded by Tom Kashatus, with all voting in favor. Linda Conner also stated that she would like to write newsletter article regarding the new, Glen Lyon business. It was reported that both Marcy Benick and Megan Tennyson have asked to increase the amount of newsletters placed for distribution at their beauty salons, and that Megan Tennyson is also interested in advertising in the next newsletter.
- d) Hospitality – Mary Margaret Kashatus reported via email that cards were sent to the following: the families of Jessie Olshefski & Frances Elczynna in sympathy of the passing of their brother, Clem Olshefski, the Piestrak family in sympathy of the passing of their mother, Anna Piestrak, the Peter Blasi family in sympathy of the passing of their mother, Jennie Blasi, the Wanda Stec family in sympathy of the passing of her sister, and to the Stanley Domzalski family in sympathy of the passing of his brother.
- e) Recycling – Tom Kashatus presented a brief accounting of the program since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013. He also reported that new member, Steven Dymond has been a great help in picking up material and transporting it to the recycling center.
- f) 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.

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

- a) It was reminded that there are a few tickets remaining for the upcoming ***Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders*** ballgame in which the Newport Township Community Organization will be the featured organization of the evening. Tickets for the Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> game are \$8.00 each.

### **VII. New Business**

- a) Palmira Miller stated that she would need assistance in placing the banners for the “National Night out against Crime” upcoming event. Steven Dymond volunteered.
- b) It was reminded that the next meeting of the Newport Township Commissioners will be held Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> 2013 at 6:00pm. NTCO members are encouraged to attend as are all residents of the township.
- c) The next meeting of the ***Newport Township Community Organization*** is schedule for 6:30pm, Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Recreation Park in Wanamie.

### **VIII. For the Good of the Organization**

- a) Maintenance of memorial tree at Wanamie Recreation Park & garden at Coal St, Glen Lyon 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 8:15pm.  
Submitted by: Linda Conner