

NEWPORT TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

August 13, 2013, 6:30 P.M. EST

Wanamie Recreation Park • Wanamie, PA.

Attendees:

Faye Maloney	Francis Zaleski	Tom Kashatus	Stephanie Stogoski
John Jarecki	Bill Hourigan	Paul Jarecki	Debbie Prokop

I. First Vice President, Tom Kashatus called the August 13th meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Since there was no quorum at the time, Faye made a motion to hold a meeting, Steph seconded it, and all present voted in favor.

II. Since Secretary Linda Conner could not attend the meeting, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer John Jarecki read the minutes from the July 23rd meeting. Steph made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, Bill seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

III. Treasurer, Francis Zaleski read and presented the treasurers report of August 13th. Total organization funds are \$32,453.31. Since July 23, receipts have been \$559.00 and disbursements, \$2,075.74. Debbie made a motion that the treasurers' report be accepted as read and placed on file, Faye seconded it, and all voted in favor.

IV. Reading of the Bills & Communication,

We received the following bills and communications.

- a) We received a bill or \$82.62 from Office Max for Treasurer's office supplies. Faye made a motion to pay the bill, Bill seconded it, and all voted in favor
- b) We received a bill of \$163.59 from Target Marketing Group for inscribed pencils for the RAILRAIDERS baseball game on August 17th at which we are the featured organization. Steph made a motion to pay the bill, Bill seconded it, and all voted in favor.
- c) We received a letter from Beth DeNardi, Recycling Coordinator of the Luzerne County Solid Waste Management Authority. She attached an application for a 2014 Waste Watchers Award for environmental improvements, saying that there are many categories of the application in which we might be able to apply.
- d) We received a letter from Barbara Yacuboski saying that Joseph Rogowicz had passed away on Tuesday August 6.
- e) Palmira sent a letter in support of the Earth Conservancy's Growing Greener Grant Application to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for funds to clean up the Bliss Culm bank area.
- f) Tom said that the community organization brochure has been revised to include the new logo and an expanded description of the origin and purpose of the organization.

V. Reports of Committees

- a) Membership - Tom reported that we have 186 members. Steph sponsored Calvin Kanyuck as a new member. Debbie made a motion to accept him as a member, Francis seconded it, and all voted in favor.
- b) Fundraising – Paul said that the new Najaka's Pond miniature has been selling.
- a) Newsletter –Tom said he would like to put a list of newsletter ad prices on a business card to show people when he talks to them about the newsletter. Debbie said that she has a four page article on Newport football player Joe Tereshinski for the newsletter and that she will send it to Heidi and Paul.
- b) Hospitality – Mary Margaret, by email, said that she sent a get-well card to Muriel Bush and sympathy cards to Carole and Edward Rogowicz on the passing of Carole's husband, Joseph.
- c) Recycling -Tom said that we have an application for a Keep America Beautiful national award for improvement of the environment. We can apply in several categories. He also said that there will be a Luzerne County used tire collection in October, on the first Saturday of the month in Butler Township and on the second Saturday at Hanover High School.

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V. Reports of Committees continued

- d) Summer Fun Program – Tom said that we will have a swimming event at the Mocanaqua pool on August 21st.
- e) Publicity – John said that he has added Palmira’s photos of the Great American Cleanup and the planting of a garden in the Coal Street playground to our online Community Organization Photo Album.
- f) Recreation Board – Paul reported that there was a meeting of the Newport Twp. Recreation Board earlier in the evening of August 13th at the Wanamie Recreation Park, and that John Grabowski, President of the Board, resigned.

VI. Unfinished Old Business

- a) Tom said that we still have tickets to the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RAILRIDERS game in August. He said he will be at our information table before the game but will be called away in the second or third inning for an interview in the broadcast booth.

VII. New Business

- a) We decided to hold our next meeting at the Alden Playground. In the case of rain, the meeting will be held at our usual location in the Guardian Elder Care Center.

VIII. Good of the Organization

- a) Palmira will ask for a complete report and cost analysis for projects involving income and expenses.
- b) Attend meetings of organizations within the township. The next meeting of the Newport Township Commissioners’ is Wednesday, September 4th 2013.
- c) Membership, fundraising, etc., is the responsibility of all members.
- d) Whenever attending an event as a NTCO member, promote your organization with pride.
- e) As always, remember to support the businesses that advertise in our newsletter.

IX. Adjournment

Francis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Faye seconded it, and all voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:30 pm.

Submitted by: John Jarecki