

NO MEETING IN JULY

New Britain Borough Community & Business Committee Minutes August 9, 2012

Present: D Byrne, M E Coia, J D'Agostino, D Fermier, C Forlano, D Joss, L Moxey, D von Lipsey

Excused: R Belchic, J Gilmore, D Holewinski Guests: John Brown, DelVal College VP Student Affairs; Tom Yatsky

Chair, Marie Coia, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Minutes from the June 14, 2012 meeting were read and accepted. (a meeting was not held in July)

Old Business:

1. Bitzer's – The property has been sold and a Dairy Queen with drive-through is planned. Parking space in the

area is limited and could create issues with neighboring businesses.

2. Knoll Property: Owner passed away and property (7 acres) will be sold. One developer has already purchased a zoning book at borough office. Committee consensus is desire for property to be developed as hotel and mixed retail. John Brown mentioned that DelVal students hold dances at area hotels. DelVal does not have an oncampus conference center.

3. Newsletter: Summer issue just put to bed. Our 3 business members have placed ads and Bux-Mont Party

Rental is featured in the Spotlight section; Byrne Sewing will be featured in the fall issue. Fall issue deadline is September 30.

4. Business Surveys: 120 surveys were printed by Federal Realty and sent out by L Moxey and M Coia. 36 responses, a 30% response rate, with September 1 as the deadline for response.

5. Process for changing speed limit on Butler & Tamenend Aves: Borough Engineer, Mark Hintenlang, sent letter to PennDot 6/27/2012 to ask how the borough should proceed.

6. Project Design Grant information: Deferred to next meeting

7. Award for business/resident who beautifies their property: The group brought forward Dr. Caruso, Vandegrift,

Bucks-Mont Party Rental, DelVal College, New Britain Veterinary. Suggestion was made to advertise in

newsletter for nominations for "Best of the Borough"

8. Island beautification: (between Tamenend & Lenape) Borough Manger, Trymbiski is obtaining a an estimate

from company that mows for aeration and fall seeding.

9. SEPTA train station meeting: Deferred; D Holewinski not available for update.

New Business:

1. Delaware Valley College: Borough Manager Trymbiski and Council President Belchic met with DelVal President

Joseph Brosnan, VP Student Affairs, John Brown and Director of Residence Life, Derek Smith resulting in John

Brown joining us this evening. He was introduced and shared some facts and plans for the college: 1050

students live on campus, 800 off-campus; many students live in outlying Bucks and Montgomery County municipalities due to serious shortage of residences borough. The college anticipates university status in approximately two years. There is no intention to grow undergraduate population and to grow graduate programs. Limited dollars are available to purchase property and interest is in properties on the south side of Butler Avenue.

2. Tom Yatsky: Tom announced fire code enforcement plans; citation letters will be issued and owners will have 30 days to bring into compliance.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. The next meeting will be held September 13, 2012 at 7:30 PM.