

## New Britain Borough Community & Business Committee Minutes December 13, 2012

Present: Marie Esher Coia, Robert Belchic, David Holewinski, David Joss, Lorraine Moxey, Jackie D'Agostino, Debbie Byrne, David Fermier. Guests: Lynn Bush, Joe Cangelosi. Excused: Chris Forlano, Donna von Lipsey, John Brown.

Chair Marie Coia, called the meeting to order 7:30 PM. The minutes from our November meeting were reviewed and approved.

Old Business:

Bucks Co. Planning Commission: Lynn Bush reported that Dublin is holding a Town Hall or brainstorming meeting this evening for residents and business owners to help determine what the future of Dublin might look like. She has participated in these types of meeting with other boroughs and felt they were quite successful. Lynn will report details at our next meeting.

The committee agreed that we would like to hold a similar meeting. Lynn said the planning commission would help organize and facilitate our meeting and would need about one month lead time. A potential date may be March 5, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

Business Surveys: Marie provided the top issues identified in each category of the survey. Bob suggested that we focus on areas that address both residents and business owners concerns. We will continue to report how we are addressing these concerns in our newsletter and borough website.

Bitzer's – Owner is working with Tom Yatsky to develop a DQ. The owner has not been to planning yet.

Knoll Property: The new owner is looking to develop as a mix of residential, light industrial and possibly retail. He is actively marketing the property. Bob let him know that the borough is interested in working with him so he does not spend money on an idea that may not work for that site.

Borough website: The improved website will consist of emergency information, calendar of events including borough meetings, FAQs and links to permits and zoning ordinances.

Newsletter: Deadline for submission in the next newsletter is Feb. 2, 2013 Jackie suggested an on-going column written by the mayor and a column introducing our council members.

Delaware Valley College Design Project: The students will be made aware of all committees and projects that are currently being discussed, e.g. Bike and Hike.

Founder's Day: Joe Cangelosi has agreed to chair a subcommittee to plan Founders Day. We provided suggestions for what Founders Day might look like. It will be held in the shopping center for visibility. Possible date, May 18, 2013 (Rain date, May 19<sup>th</sup>). It is not meant to be a fundraiser, but an opportunity to promote local businesses, arts/crafts and the

history of the borough. Food will be available from restaurants located within shopping center and borough. Non profits such as our local fire, rescue and police will be invited to participate. Other ideas included a timeline of when the borough was established to current date made up of cars, technology, music, etc. Space may be an issue so we discussed alternative parking at the Lenape Valley Church. Other issues may be electricity and portable toilets.

Joe is going to draft a letter for businesses in the borough and send to Marie for review.

New Business:

Parkway Impact: Dave and Debbie reported that they have not seen an impact on their business since the parkway has

opened. Everyone remarked that traffic congestion has decreased on Butler Ave.

Tree Lighting 2013: David H. would like to have the Civic Association as well as local business participate in lighting the

large tree that is located on the grounds of the shopping center. He would like to have ornaments made by the students

of Pine Run decorate the tree.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM. The next meeting will be January 10, 2013 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Jackie D'Agostino