

## New Britain Borough Community & Business Committee Minutes June 14, 2012

Present: R Belchic, M E Coia, J D'Agostino, D Holewinski, L Moxey, D Joss, D Byrne

Excused: C Forlano, J Gilmore, D Fermier, D von Lipsey Guest: Tom Yatsky

At 7:30 PM Marie Esher Coia called the meeting to order. Minutes from the May 10th meeting were read and accepted.

Old Business:

1. Tom Yatsky was present to collect prioritized list and encourage the committee to plan for the future.
2. Bob Belchic suggested that a representative from each committee should serve on a committee of the Borough for better exchange of information and no duplication of effort. As an example Jeff Gilmore is researching grants for the Borough.
3. Property Maintenance Ordinance: Council voted to advertise the adoption of a Property Maintenance Code for the borough.
4. Bitzers- BC Redevelopment Authority: Council is reviewing a list of criteria of a blighted property. Once this list is finalized Mike Goodwin will cite the owners of this property.
5. Newsletter: Marie is selling advertising for the next newsletter and writing various articles. Please contact her if you have any special announcements that you would like to include in the newsletter.
6. Business Survey: The survey is complete. David Joss volunteered to do the printing of the survey; Marie will email all of the information to him. Jackie will look into the possibility of using Survey Monkey to provide an online option.
7. Process for changing speed limit on Butler Ave. & Tamenend Ave.: Our Borough Engineer is writing a letter to Penn dot regarding this request and also if we can eliminate trucks from making right hand turns out of Spring Lake Drive.
8. Project Design Grant: No update available
9. Septa meeting regarding train station: David Holewinski will attend a meeting at the Septa office on June 20, 2012 to request that the train stop at the borough's station on weekends.
10. Other Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Establish annual award for business or resident who beautifies their property: Marie suggested that a plaque could be presented at council meetings to a resident or business that makes improvements to their property. An announcement would also be included in the newsletter. Debbie suggested that the "award" should be given more than annually. The committee agreed that this was a good idea. The budget for this plaque would be \$100.00.
2. Work on beautification of islands in Borough: Marie asked if there was a budget so trees could be trimmed and

grass could be reseeded. David H. and Robert will follow up with Robyn.

3. Shopping center enhancements: Marie asked if David Joss could ask if the Giant would clean up area around shopping carts because there is a lot of garbage. David suggested that Marie speak with the Manager of Giant.

It was also suggested that a stop sign be placed in the parking lot for cars coming across the lot.

4. Other New Business:

a. Bob & David H. will meet with the president of Del Val next week. Please let them know if you have any issues that you would like him to discuss with them.

b. The committee discussed the new businesses in the shopping center (Going Bananas, The Metro and Build-n-Bots Academy) and suggested that Build-n-Bots Academy, Karate place & Theater Arts provide a

demonstration at the Borough's summer camp. Marie will discuss with Robyn.

c. The committee agreed to postpone our next meeting until August.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM. The next meeting will be held August 9, 2012 at 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jackie D'Agostino