

New Britain Borough Community & Business Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2015

In attendance: Jeff, Gilmore, Lorraine Moxey, Bill Moxey, Jackie D'Agostino, Marie Esher Coia, Steve Gieseler, David Holewinski, Stephen Barth, Debbie Byrne, David Joss, Bill Vandergrift, Peg Remmey, Andrea Antell

Chairman Jeff Gilmore called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. The committee approved the minutes from the meeting in February.

Stephen Barth

- Stephen presented two grants that could be used for improvements to our park and trails:
 - Parks Grants- Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) - the deadline for the Parks and Recreation Grant is April 16, 2015.
 - Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program-deadline July 2015. This grant could be used for planning, acquisition, development, rehabilitation and repair of greenways, recreational trails, open space, parks and beautification projects.

A suggestion was made that someone on the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Civic Association should be involved in writing these grants as they could be used to help rebuild the park buildings that were destroyed.

- LERTA Program (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance) - Discussion continued as to whether or not we would be able to institute a program like this to spur development in the borough and improve our tax rate by revitalizing old buildings. We would have to designate a "district" where it would be applicable. We would also need the borough, County and CB School District to approve.
- Mangar Update- Discussions continue on ways the borough can support their effort to improve function and efficiency of their property.
- Delaware Valley University Proclamation- Del Val College is becoming a University in April. Stephen suggested the David H. and Jeff draft a proclamation on behalf of the borough that would be presented to the university. The committee was in agreement.

DeVal is interested in our lighting project and would like to pay for the lights that would line the college along Butler Ave. Marie is going to distribute the Spring City Foundry & Lighting Catalog for members to vote on their favorite lights.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- A nomination for Peg Remmey and Andrea Antell to become members of this committee was made. All were in favor of electing them as new members representing the residents of our borough.
- Stephen Barth will reach out to the Doylestown DART to see if they would be willing to make a stop at our shopping center and the NBI.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM. The next meeting will be a Steering Committee Meeting on April 9, 2015.