

## New Britain Borough Community & Business Committee Minutes March 14, 2013

Present: Robert Belchic, D Byrne, Jackie D'Agostino, Marie Esher Coia, David Holewinski, David Joss, Lorraine Moxey, Donna von Lipsey Excused: John Brown, Dave Fermier; Chris Forlano Guest: Lynn Bush  
Chair Marie Esher Coia, called the meeting to order 7:30 PM. Minutes from the February 14, 2013 meeting were read and accepted.

### Old business:

1. Public meeting, March 5, 2013: Lynn Bush, Executive Director, Bucks County Planning Commission provided handouts and summarized the meeting results. Next step: choose 3-4 issues to tackle and tasks to accomplish;

an example might be installing sidewalks to make the borough walkable. Look for logical linkages; College to

Town Center should be a priority. Lynn will develop objectives and we can figure out action steps to accomplish.

The DelVal design project dovetails nicely into the feedback from the community.

2. Delaware Valley Design project meeting dates: Proposed meeting dates are March 28, April 18 and May 2. The

April and May dates will be in lieu of the committee's regular business meeting. The May 2 presentation will be

in a town hall format, borough council members and the public will be invited to attend. More details will

follow.

3. Newsletter: Spotlight will be Vandergrift Appliances, Welcome New Businesses will be book store, Hair Café.

Marie and Donna will write articles summarizing the Town Hall meeting and the Delaware Valley College design

project.

4. Bitzers: No progress in developing the property

5. Knoll Property: Marie has been in touch with the new owner who was unable to attend the Town Hall meeting.

Marie will send him the handouts from the meeting. The owner is considering several paths for development.

Traffic counts are down since opening of the 202 Parkway and retailers are not interested in the location. DelVal

is not interested in partnering in the development of dormitories but would like to see apartments on the site.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM

Respectfully submitted: Donna von Lipsey March 28, April 18 and May 2.