

**AGENDA**  
**Nature Preserve Committee**  
Monday, Sept. 11, 2017

**I. Approval of minutes from Aug. 14 meeting**

**II. Old Business**

A. Pop-up Park (Sept. 15-17)

1. Manning information table – Preserve brochure
2. Plant purchases for Preserve

B. Pollinator Habitat registrations

1. Xerxes Society sign
2. Penn State Cooperative Extension application

C. Fall work days (Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Nov. 4)

D. Maintenance tasks (Sept. work day or before)

1. Cut back growth along trails
2. Weedwack and hand weed around cedars and shrubs in East Meadow
3. Weedwack and hand weed around cedars along Sunrise Trail
4. Remove hazard trees along Sunrise Trail
5. Spread stones in low areas on Pine Tree Trail
6. Spread new wood chips around benches and on Beech Tree Trail
7. Plant bed around main entrance sign
8. Remove several non-native shrubs from border around Miriam's Meadow.
9. Plant additional trees/shrubs (purchased from pop-up park) around Miriam's Meadow and maybe elsewhere

E. Fall maintenance / restoration plans

1. Needed prep work
  - a. Tagging of desirable plants in areas to be planted
  - b. Mowing those areas
2. Planting opportunity with Natural Lands (Sept. 30)

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F. DVU studies

G. Trail cameras

- H. Miller properties / DCNR Grant
- I. Tree ID plates
- J. Groner Fund residual / Miriam's stock shares
- K. Addendum/update to Strategic Plan

III. **Deferred Items**

- A. Orphans Court ruling on uses of Groner funds
- B. Chant's Woods boundary signs
- C. Preserve map
- D. Brush mower purchase

IV. **New Business**

- A. Budget update
- B. Tire rut damage at main entrance
- C. Chant memorial plaque – proposed wording

Chant's Woods commemorates the life and civic contributions of long-time borough resident, Leonard James "Jim" Chant.

Born in London in 1927, Jim earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University Of London. In 1959, he was recruited for the burgeoning United States space program and immigrated to Pennsylvania with his wife and young children. Jim was one of the designers of the human centrifuge at the Johnsville Naval Air Station in Bucks County where the astronauts trained for the Mercury Space Missions. In 1970 inspired by the American Dream ideals of liberty and social mobility providing the opportunity for prosperity and success with hard work, Jim started his own company Chant Engineering Co. Inc.

Having created a successful internationally renowned company in New Britain Borough, Jim took the time to give back to his community. He donated land adjoining the Nature Preserve and has been a pragmatic voice of reason in New Britain Borough matters for over twenty years until his death in 2017. Jim always believed in the best in all of us and turned his intelligence, work ethic, extensive experience and respect for others to help improve our community.