

**New Britain Township Park & Recreation Meeting  
April 17, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the New Britain Township Park and Recreation Advisory Board was held at the New Britain Township Building, 207 Park Avenue, Chalfont, PA on April 17, 2012 beginning at 7:05 p.m. In attendance were: Bob Ralston, Marco Tustanowsky, Regina Armitage, Nancy Jones, Bill Jones, Dan Mackintosh, Charles Maeyer, Leslie Bilotta Scott Ambron, and Angela Pomeisl .

1. **Approval of Minutes** – A motion was made by Dan Mackintosh seconded by Marco Tustanowsky and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes from March 20, 2012.

2. **Easter Egg Hunt** –

**2.1. Setting up guidelines:** Charles Maeyer said, If we want to do a commercial Easter Egg Hunt, then it opens the door that can create issues and problems. Regina Armitage replied, What potential problems? It benefits the kids. Charles, The Easter Egg hunt itself is beneficial for the children, but having business donations opens a “Pandora’s Box”. If you open to one business then you have to open to them all. Regina replied, wouldn’t we have the same issue with the parade? Charles replied, yes. Leslie Bilotta replied, I have thought about this a lot. I will use an example, if an x-rated movie company moved into New Britain Township supposed they want to donate eggs do we allow them? Charles replied, we have a whole realm of variables doesn’t just limit to businesses in New Britain Township. There would be some unknown circumstances. Leslie responded, isn’t it a kids thing not about businesses? Bill Jones replied we know where we order the eggs from, we know what is in each and every egg. We don’t know what will or is in the donated eggs. We will keep it the way it is. Businesses have the opportunity to do their own Easter Egg Hunt in order to promote their business, Merck Sharp and Dohme, rented our field in order to host their Easter Egg Hunt. Charles replied, Our Easter egg hunt is all about the kids, and is very successful. Bob Ralston also replied, the more control we have over the Easter eggs the better it is. Nancy Jones asked Leslie if the eggs she donated to the Easter egg hunt with the free kid meal coupons in it, if she had any children turn them in Leslie responded yes, I had five. Leslie said, it wasn’t because I wanted to donate the eggs, it was because PSC did. Marco Tustanowsky and Bill Jones both suggested that we need to look into upgrading the candy and toys and making sure that they are age appropriate for next year. So the little children are not getting hard candy and small toys. A final motion was made “No outside Business donations for our future Easter Egg Hunt.” Motion was made by Charles and seconded by Marco and unanimously carried to approve.

- 3. **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade-**

**3.1. Parade Marshal Nominee** - Angela Pomeisl said she needs the board to help with information on having nominees for the parade marshal and also the junior marshal. Marco said you need to speak to Angela Benner in reference to this. For at their Veterans meeting the other night Bill Malone was discussing a nominee with Angela Benner. Angela Pomeisl said she would ask Angela B. tomorrow morning at work.

**3.2. Update on 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade-** Angela reported that everything is on track and gave each of the board members the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to do list that she is following. Donation letters were sent out on April 9<sup>th</sup>. We have received \$550.00 in donations so far. All boroughs have sent in their \$1200.00, Flags have come in on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Bakers Best called on April 17<sup>th</sup> to confirm a donation of 300 pretzels to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. On April 11<sup>th</sup> business letters were sent out to Scanlin Funeral home and Creekside. Also all band letters were sent out too.

**3.3. Letter from Jerry Happ (Doylestown Heat Band)** Angela gave all board members a copy of his letter that he had sent to Angela Benner. Bill Jones said he has no objections to the \$400.00 donation if it is going to the Doylestown Lions Club, but we need to know this and also that they have their own transportation. Marco said to Angela, give him a call and find out what this is about.

3. **Other Business-** Angela let the park and rec board know that this years budget we don't have enough to run a movie night. And also the cost for us to purchase our own projection screen is around \$10,000.00 or more, Bill Jones liked the idea from the last meeting in reference to Rick Eisenhower coming and doing it for the price of \$450.00 plus the SWANK Motion Picture cost. Bill also suggested to Angel that she look into Chalfont Borough and see if they would like to do a joint movie night with us in the future.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, a motion was made by Dan Mackintosh, seconded by Charles Maeyer and unanimously carried, to end the Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Park and Recreation Board is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bob Ralston, Chairman

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Angela Pomeisl, Secretary