

New Britain Township Park & Recreation Meeting
February 24, 2009

An official meeting of the New Britain Township Park and Recreation Advisory Board was held at the New Britain Township Building on February 24, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: Bob Ralston, William Jones, Charles Maeyer, Dan Mackintosh, Marco Tustanowsky, Wayne Fultz, Leslie Bilotta, Scott Ambron, Angela Benner, and Jr. Member Austin Gregor.

1. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Dan Mackintosh, seconded by William Jones, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from November 25, 2008.
2. Re-org - A motion was made by Dan Mackintosh, seconded by William Jones, and unanimously carried to nominate Bob Ralston as Park & Recreation Chairman. A motion was made by William Jones, seconded by Bob Ralston, and unanimously carried to nominate Dan Mackintosh as Park & Recreation Vice Chairman. A motion was made by William Jones, seconded by Dan Mackintosh, and unanimously carried to nominate Angela Benner as Park & Recreation Secretary.
3. Santa House – Angela recapped the Santa House and stated that she believed it was a success for the first year. She went over the cost breakdown of the event and stated that even though it cost the Township \$1,309.09 she thought that was good considering we built the Santa House which is not an expense we will have every year. Bob Ralston pointed out that it was nice to see that we got some business to donate to this event that have not donated to events in the past. Angela talked about maybe next year making permit signs that businesses could purchase for a certain amount that would display there names year after year for a yearly donation. Leslie Bilotta suggested that we consider using the Antique Store on Skyline Drive because the owner would be interested in us having the house there. Angela said she will make note of it so we can discuss that closer to the time of the event.
4. Easter Egg Hunt – Angela stated the Egg Hunt is going to be March 28th with a rain date of April 4th. She asked that everyone arrive at 9:00 to help set up for the Egg Hunt. Bob Ralston said he would be his pa system for announcing during the event. William Jones suggested the Easter Bunny come out earlier this year and then stay out a little longer to give the kids more time with the Easter Bunny.
5. Municipal Services Day – Angela announced the Township is in the process of planning a Municipal Services day that would take place the same day as the Easter Egg Hunt. She said that the Planning Commission, Park & Rec Board, Public Works, LPEAC, Police Dept, Fire Co, and EMS will all have stations to provide information to the public. There will be township staff available to answer anyone's questions. Police, Public Works, Fire Company, and EMS are tentatively having vehicles or tractors there for kids to look at. Angela asked that if anyone comes up with any ideas for the Park & Rec booth to email or call her with those ideas.
6. Summer Concerts – Angela said she started to look into Summer Concerts and the prices of bands was ranging anywhere from \$700 to \$3000 for a band. She said you would want to get bands that already have their own following to help guarantee attendance. William Jones said that he thinks with the way the economy is that maybe we should put of the summer concerts for now. It was a unanimous decision by the Park & Recreation Board to not have a summer concert series this year.
7. 4th of July Parade – Angela just wanted to let everyone know that she has started on the Parade. Asked what everyone thought we should do about the food situation, since last year we ran out. The Board decided we should maybe order some more food this year and make sure each person only gets 1 item. William Jones said we should buy walkie talkies for use in the parking lot only and Buddy Maeyer said we could borrow his set to try out before buying our own.
8. Field # 6 – Angela read over the letter that LV Baseball submitted in regards to putting in dugouts, fencing and a batting cage at field #6. She said that the Board of Supervisors approves this pending approval from the P & R Board. A motion was made by Dan Mackintosh, seconded by Bob Ralston and unanimously carried to approve the improvements at field #6 that LV Baseball wants to do.

9. Other Business – Angela let everyone know that there is going to be a soccer camp held by the Philadelphia Kixx’s Professional Male Soccer team this summer at our park along with a Lacrosse camp being held at the park. She also said that she is trying to arrange a date for Villari’s Karate to come and hold a self defense class at the township again this year.
10. The next regular meeting of the Park and Recreation was scheduled for March 31, 2009 at 7:00p.m. Being no further business; a motion was made Dan Mackintosh, seconded by Charles Maeyer and unanimously carried to end the meeting at 7:47p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Benner, Secretary

Bob Ralston, Chairman