

New Britain Township Park & Recreation Meeting  
April 28, 2009

An official meeting of the New Britain Township Park and Recreation Advisory Board was held at the New Britain Township Building on April 28, 2009 beginning at 7:03 p.m. In attendance were: Bob Ralston, William Jones, Carl Haag, Dan Mackintosh, Marco Tustanowsky, Wayne Fultz, Nancy Jones, Leslie Bilotta, Scott Ambron, Angela Benner, and Jr. Member Austin Gregor.

1. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by Dan Mackintosh, seconded by Carl Haag, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from February 24, 2009.
2. Easter Egg Hunt – Everyone was in agreement that everything went well at the Easter Egg Hunt.
3. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – Angela reported that everything is on track with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Donation Request letter and participation letters have been sent out. We currently have received \$1,775.00 in donations and have also had confirmation for donation of vehicles and hotdogs for the day of the event. Businesses that allow us to use their property have also confirmed that we can use their property for the day of the parade. Angela asked everyone to think of someone to be the Parade Marshal and to let her know her recommendations. Angela asked Austin to think of fellow students who could be our Jr. Marshal. The P&R Board briefly talked about the event and who will be and not be able to attend. Angela said when we get closer to the event we can go over ever thing in greater detail.
4. Santa House – Bob Ralston started conversation about the location of the Santa House by recognizing an email that Leslie Bilotta had sent out indicating that Marlene Tegge has asked if we would like to have the Santa House at her business, the Bucks County Antique Store. Bob said that he appreciates the offer, but he thinks that the current location of the Santa House at Genuardi's works really well due to visibility, lighting, and the good response we got from the businesses. Angela said that a lot of the businesses who have not participated in events in the past donated this year and were really excited about the house being in the parking lot. William Jones said that he likes the current location also due to the visibility of the house and thinks with the shopping center being at the corner of 202 and County Line Road will continue to help with informing people of the event because they will see the house. Nancy Jones and Scott Ambron stated that last year people brought their kids because they saw us out there when they were grocery shopping or eating at one of the restaurants. Leslie Bilotta said she agreed with what everyone said and appreciated that the P&R Board gave Marlene Tegge's proposal consideration. Leslie also said that when it is time to advertise for the Santa House she will help get flyers out to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Schools, and the business alliance. Leslie said she would also let Marlene Tegge know that we appreciate her offer but we are going to keep the Santa House at its current location in the Genuardi's Shopping Center.
5. Vertis/West Branch Park – Angela informed the P&R Board that Monday April 27, 2008 at the Board of Supervisors Meeting, YSM presented the Final DRAFT of the Master Plan for Vertis and West Branch Park and that the BOS accepted the draft. Angela stated that we are now waiting for YSM to supply us with the FINAL Master Plan and then we are done the planning process with YSM. William Jones said that we will then be looking to obtain a soil and erosion analysis at Vertis Park and look into how we are going to go about removing all the dirt from the Vertis location because there is a lot that needs to be moved. Scott Ambron asked Bill how long it will be before West Branch would be finished being renovated and he said maybe 2 to 5 years.
6. Veterans Memorial – Leslie Bilotta stated the Dale Rimmer had approached her in regards to putting up a Veterans Memorial in Lexington Park. Leslie recommended that he submit a proposal to the Township. On Monday night April 27, 2009 the Board of Supervisors reviewed Dale Rimmers proposal and decided that they would like to start a committee for the Veterans Memorial with members from the different Township Committees and Residents. It was a general consensus of the P&R Advisory Board and Committee that they would like to see a Veterans Memorial.
7. Other Business – Dan Mackintosh asked Scott Ambron whose trash is located next to the park land at the park in Brittney Farms. Scott said that it is on a resident's property and Jo Ann Lapp is currently in the process of looking into the situation. Dan also brought up that the LPEAC would like to know what is happening with the tree's that were planted last year because they seemed to all be dying. Scott said that

they have put stakes next to the tree's that can be saved to help they continue to grow up right. He said they have been made aware that the reason the tree's are dying is because of the method they used to plant them and they will not be planting tree's like that anymore. Dan also brought up one more concern from the LPEAC and that is the eroding wall at the creek that is located at the Brittney Farms Park. Scott said that they have been putting concrete blocks at the wall to help stop the eroding. Dan also mentioned the LPEAC is trying to put in plants/rain gardens to help out with the creek walls as well.

Leslie Bilotta said that sometime during the year Doylestown Borough gives away tree's to the public and was wondering if we could look into doing something with this. Dan said the LPEAC is putting together a list of native tree's in the area, so Angela said when the list is complete she will find out how much it would cost to purchase the native tree's to hand out to the public. Leslie also asked what was going on with the Park at New Britain Walk. Angela said that last she heard the Township was still waiting for the ground to be dedicated to the Township. William Jones said that when it is CB School District is suppose to be able to use the field and maintain it. Scott Ambron said his understanding is the school would mow it once in a 6 day cycle. Angela said she would check with Jo Ann to find out what is going on and to see if we have an idea of when it is suppose to be dedicated.

Angela presented the P & R Board with Picnic Tables that she is looking to purchase for the parks. The cost for 4 recycled plastic picnic tables is \$3,298.00. The P&R Board said they would like to see what type of guarantee comes with the picnic tables because they are so expensive. Wayne and Scott both said that we are paying for the quality of the picnic tables and that they should last us for many years.

8. The next regular meeting of the Park and Recreation was scheduled for May 26, 2009 at 7:00p.m. Being no further business; a motion was made Dan Mackintosh, seconded by Carl Haag and unanimously carried to end the meeting at 8:02p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Angela Benner, Secretary

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Bob Ralston, Chairman