

New Britain Township Park & Recreation Meeting
September 29, 2009

An official meeting of the New Britain Township Park and Recreation Advisory Board was held at the New Britain Township Building on September 29, 2009 beginning at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were: William Jones, Charles Maeyer, Dan Mackintosh, Marco Tustanowsky, Nancy Jones, Angela Benner and Jr. Member Austin Gregor.

1. Approval of Minutes – A motion was made by William Jones, seconded by Charles Maeyer, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes from July 28, 2009.
2. Santa House – Angela Benner informed everyone that she has been discussing some idea's for the Santa House with Wayne Fultz and one of the idea's was to put a white picket fence around the front of the Santa House. The other idea was to have permanent sponsor signs for the businesses that donate \$50.00 or more to the Santa House. Angela said the designs they were looking at are Christmas tree's and candy canes. Dan Mackintosh suggested that Christmas balls could be another idea for the signs. Everyone agreed that \$50 was a good dollar amount to go with. Everyone also agreed that the size of the signs should be 2x3. William Jones asked if the fence would only be there the nights we are there or if we were planning on leaving it there during the week also. William Jones said if we do not leave the fence there overnight then we should mount the sponsor signs right on the fence, if not then we should make sure to take the sponsors signs with us when we are not at the house.

Angela said that she is also planning to collect canned good for the food larder at the Santa House again this year. Angela said that she is also planning on giving away hot chocolate and fresh baked cookies again. William Jones suggested that we also have apple cider and sell the refreshments or request donations and all proceeds would go to the Food Larder. Everyone was in agreement with this idea.

Angela said that Play n Trade approached her about setting up a table and giving away bottle openers, pens, etc to all those that come to the Santa House. Angela asked what the Board's opinion was for this. Marco Tustanowsky said we shouldn't loose track that this is for the children not to promote local businesses. Angela asked everyone to think about it and we could make a decision at the next Park & Recreation meeting.

Angela said that she is currently in talks with St. Jude's School and Butler Elementary about having choirs come and sing Christmas Carols at the event this year. Angela said she will be talking with Wayne Fultz and Chief Scafidi about a way to get Santa to his house in whether it be by police escort or just on the back of the Public Works truck.

Angela said she will be sending out the sponsor requests within the next 2 weeks.

3. Other Business :

Veterans Park - Angela said that the Board of Supervisors just approved the following in regards to Veterans Park:

- Designation of the North Branch Memorial Site
- Designation of the permanent site of Lexington Park to be re-named "Veteran's Park"
- Design for North Branch Site memorial, including plaque wording (approximate cost of \$2500-\$3500):
 - “This site is dedicated, in sincere appreciation to our Patriots, the men and women who have honorably served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America”
- Fundraising activities including: Sale of engraved bricks, silent auction, golf outings, raffles, beef & beers, and outside donations
- Purchase of flagpole by Township (approximate cost of \$1000)

Angela also said there are multiple meetings schedule in the month to come so that the North Branch site can be finalized and ready for Veterans Day so that a service could be held.

Marco Tustanowsky then stated that he has taken the lead on selling bricks and thinks that the bricks should be sold for the following amounts:

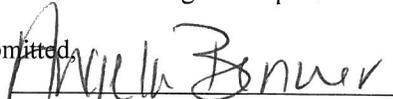
- \$250 – business 2 lines
- \$200 – business 1 line
- \$100 – individuals

Marco said that he has already sold 6 bricks to businesses. Dan Mackintosh asked how we are going to promote the bricks. Angela said that there will be a flyer that is going to be put together that serves as a ordering form and said that we would probably give them out through the Business Alliance, Veteran organizations, and even possibly a mass mailing to the residents. Angela said that, that part is still being finalized.

2010 Budget – William Jones said that Budget is still be finalized and nothing has been officially approved for the Park & Recreation Budget and at this point in time he is not sure what will be approved. However, William did say that over the next month they will be working on finalizing the 2010 budget.

4. The next regular meeting of the Park and Recreation was scheduled for October 27, 2009 at 7:00p.m. Being no further business; a motion was made Nancy Jones, seconded by Charles Maeyer and unanimously carried to end the meeting at 7:35p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela Benner, Secretary



Chairman