



New Britain Township

Park & Recreation Board

MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 21, 2025

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Park and Recreation Board was held on January 21, 2025, at the Township Administration Building, 207 Park Avenue, New Britain Township, Pa., and with the use of the Zoom Video Conferencing Platform, beginning at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Jessica Young, Marco Tustanowsky, Nancy Jones, James Ivers, Brooke Newborn, and William Jones. Also, in attendance were Bill May, and Susan Gelb, New Britain Township Staff.

Reorganization

Appointment of Temporary Chair: Jessica Young nominated William Jones, seconded by Nancy Jones, and unanimously carried.

William Jones called for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair: Marco Tustanowsky nominated Jessica Young for Chair, seconded by Brooke Newborn, and unanimously carried.

Nancy Jones nominated Marco Tustanowsky for Vice-Chair, seconded by Jessica Young, Marco Tustanowsky nominated Brooke Newborn for Vice-Chair. Nominations carried for Marco Tustanowsky four votes to one vote.

Nominations closed.

1. **Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2024:** A motion was made by Marco Tustanowsky seconded by Brooke Newborn the October 15, 2024, minutes were approved as written.

Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2024: A motion was made by Brooke Newborn and seconded by Nancy Jones the November 19, 2024; minutes were approved as written.

2. **Santa House Recap:** Sue Gelb informed the Parks and Recreation Committee that the Santa House went smoothly, \$490 and 350lbs of food had been collected and donated to the food pantry. All sponsor donations covered the costs of the event. A new Santa suite will be purchased for 2025. Jessica Young inquired about the food truck that was present, Sue Gelb informed that it was a success. Marco Tustanowsky asked if signs for sponsors were hung, and Sue Gelb explained that they were hung and attached to the fenced area around the Santa House along with being acknowledged on the Township Facebook page. James Ivers mentioned his contacts with the Central Bucks Schools, and he will aid in advertising next year's event. Discussions about moving the event to North Branch Park were opened up, concerns about attendance, portable lights, vandalism from poor lighting, extra workload for



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staff and moving away from the concentrated area of most of the sponsors were all addressed. Brooke Newborn suggested to make any decision to move the event should be before the Easer Egg Hunt so announcements could be made at that time. Bill May replied and assured the Board that the possibility of moving the Santa House will be on the February Agenda. .

3. **Easter Event** : Sue Gelb informed the Board that the Easter Event will be held on Saturday April 12th. It will be held rain or shine, moving the event indoors if there are issues with the weather like the previous two years. Upgraded candy filled eggs and bags were ordered, all toy filled eggs used will be from last years unused leftovers. Sue asked the Board about having a food truck, and the possibility of a bounce house present. The board approved the presence of the food truck and were not in favor of a bounce house for this event. James Ivers asked if the Township would receive ten percent of the proceeds from food truck sales. Sue Gelb acknowledged and will make an inquiry.

4. **Other Business**: Bill May informed the Board that Lenape Valley Baseball has a new President, Fred Hanft ,and he had a meeting with him on Friday January 17th, 2025. They have requested approval for two improvements for baseball fields 5 and 6.

- Additional Port-o-Potty between fields 5 and 6 on a trial basis with the contingency of being removed due to excessive vandalism.
- Repainting the dugouts blue and yellow to match the other LV leagues, barring any logos or images.

No motion was made. The board approved both items to be decided by the Board of Supervisors.

Marco Tustanowsky asked for volunteers to for the Veteran's Committee Bingo event at the Shrine of Czestochowa on May 9th, 2025.

5. **Public Comment: None**


6. **Adjournment:**

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Brooke Newborn and seconded by James Ivers and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessica Young, Chairperson



William May, Parks &
Recreation Coordinator

Next meeting – February 18, 2025