



New Britain Township

Park & Recreation Board

MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2025

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Park and Recreation Board was held on February 18, 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

1. **Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2025:** A motion was made by Brooke Newborn seconded by James Ivers the January 21, 2025, minutes were approved as written.
2. **Easter Event :** Sue Gelb informed the Board that the Easter Event will be held on Saturday April 12th. Sue stated that volunteers are still needed, Marco Tustanowsky, Brooke Newborn, and Jessica Young confirmed that they would all be present to assist at the event. All empty eggs are in the process of being filled with candy, and gift bags will be given as prizes instead of gift baskets. One food truck will be present at no cost. Flyers were handed out to all present.
3. **Santa House Relocation:** The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board reopened the possibility of relocating the Santa House Event, moving it from the New Britain Village Shopping Center to North Branch Park and making an official vote from discussions at previous meetings. Bill May explained that an official vote is needed and then be presented to the BOS in time to make the announcements at all upcoming events. Bill May expressed concerns of the decreased amount of attendees if event was moved, along with decreased donations for the local food pantry, Bill May was also concerned about the additional workload with a new design setup. Nancy Jones was concerned about turnout and strongly disagreed with moving the event. Jessica Young asked about more inferred cost with the additional setup. Sue Gelb explained that the additional cost would be approximately \$800. Jessica Young called for a motion to relocate the Santa House Event.

Motion: A motion was made by Brooke Newborn and Seconded by James Ivers voted on 3 to 1 motion carried to relocate Santa House to North Branch Park.



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4. Other Business:

- **LV Baseball Spring Tournament.**

Bill May informed the Board that Lenape Valley Baseball has requested to hold their annual fundraiser tournament at North Branch Park. The event will be held on the weekend of March 29 and 30. LV will be providing their own snack stand; no food truck will be present. An additional \$125 fee will be paid for cleaning of Port o Pots. James Ivers asked if the amount of Port o Pots at North branch was sufficient for the amount of teams scheduled. Bill May assured that this was never an issue in past tournaments.

Motion: A motion was made by Marco Tustanowsky, seconded by Brooke Newborn, and carried unanimously the LV baseball Tournament was approved.

- **EAC Presentation.**

Kathleen Davis and members of the Environmental Advisory Committee presented a potential project and asked if the two committees would work with one another. Kathleen explained that the EAC was looking to apply for a matching grant through Bucks Beautiful and would like to begin planting native species in the flower bed at the Administration Building. Jessica Young was asked by EAC to help provide a list of plants that she had on one of her designs from two years prior. Jessica Young agreed to help in any way possible.

Motion: A motion was made by Brooke Newborn, seconded by James Ivers, and carried unanimously the Bucks Grant Partnership was approved with the contingency of funding through New Britain Township and BOS approval.

Marco Tustanowsky asked for volunteers at the Veteran's committee Coach Bag bingo event at the Shrine of Czestochowa taking place on May 9th, 2025, from 6:30pm to 10:30pm.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Adjournment:

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Marco Tustanowsky and seconded by Nancy Jones and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jessica Young, Chairperson

William May, Parks &
Recreation Coordinator

Next meeting – March 18, 2025