



New Britain Township

Park & Recreation Board

MEETING MINUTES

June 18, 2024

A Meeting of the New Britain Township Park and Recreation Board was held on June 18, 2024, 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, and Brooke Newborn. Also in attendance was Bill May and Susan Gelb New Britain Township Staff.

- 1. Approval of Minutes from May, 2024:** A motion was made by Brooke Newborn seconded by Nancy Jones and carried unanimously the May 21, 2024, minutes were approved as written.
- 2. Fourth of July Event Planning:** Susan Gelb informed the board of all current items that were confirmed for the Fourth of July parade, which include the following.

- a. The Township has received approval and permit from PennDOT for the closure of Butler Pike for the parade.
- b. There are currently forty participants including eight floats and Bucks Bubbles truck.
- c. Two Fire companies
- d. Coleman Hay Farms will transport all supervisors through the parade via horse or tractor.
- e. New Galena Brass Band
- f. Volunteers to man water stations, Dale Rimmer roofing and siding has donated all water.
- g. The elected Parade Marshal will be Woody Hipple, there is no Junior Marshal at this time.
- h. All information will be sent to all participants regarding their assigned staging area location.

Sue Gelb had also mentioned the need for more volunteers at the staging area, and at the judge's station. Jessica Young had volunteered to be a judge along with Brooke Newborn who will also be assisting in the staging area. Jessica Young recommended reaching out to the other Township Committees and sending out emails for volunteers.

Jessica Young asked about the concerns of the bubble truck pertaining to the vintage cars or fire trucks not wanting to follow the bubble truck. Discussions arose about placement, and Chalfont fire company wanting to lead the parade, Brooke Newborn suggested that putting both fire companies at the end of the parade followed up by the bubble truck so nobody would have to follow the bubble truck.

- 3. Other Business:** Bill May informed the board that the Veteran's Committee has recently been working and taking on the project of maintenance on the Veteran's memorial and they have recently planted flowers and plants.

Bill May made the board aware that the TNT softball tournament was approved by the Board of Supervisors at Monday night's June 17 meeting. The request for dugouts was



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tabled for further discussion by the Board of Supervisors and will be on the agenda for the July 1st Board of Supervisors meeting.

Jessica Young asked about the status of the Fall Festival. She had questioned the amount of involvement required by the Parks and Recreation Committee considering it is primarily a Veteran's Committee event. Marco Tustanowsky then stated that it was primarily a Veteran's Committee event with assistance from the Parks and Recreation Committee. He then expressed his concern for the lack of information and stressed that the planning for the event needs to be expedited. Sue Gelb informed that she has sent out the applications for the event. Marco Tustanowsky stated that there has been no official word that we are having the event from the Board of Supervisors at this time.

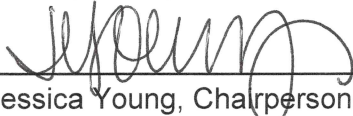
Sue informed the Board that since last year's event was canceled all monies paid would transfer to this year's event. She stated that if it were canceled again the township would more than likely must refund all fees that were paid. Marco Tustanowsky and Bill Jones both stated that they have not heard of any rumors of the event being canceled. Marco Tustanowsky wanted to make sure that plans are being made to move forward with the Fall Festival. Jessica Young asked the date of the Fall Festival for this year, and if there was a rain date scheduled. Sue Gelb informed the Board that the Fall Festival is scheduled for September 21st, and that there is no rain date. Marco Tustanowsky added that an event with vendors and food trucks is exceedingly difficult to institute a rain date due to scheduling conflicts. Jessica Young asked if everyone that had a spot last year would rollover to this year. Sue Gelb informed her that to the best of her knowledge they will rollover. Marco Tustanowsky then suggested to Bill Jones to schedule a meeting with those who have a key role in organizing the event to get a game plan together and move forward. Jessica Young then asked and offered her services to help with raffle tickets and prize baskets. Nancy Jones asked what was done with last year's baskets. Sue Gelb informed the Board that all the baskets were saved for this year and all expired items had been removed and replaced.

4. Public Comment: None


5. Adjournment:

- **Motion:** A motion was made by Brooke Newborn and seconded by Marco Tustanowsky and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jessica Young, Chairperson



William May, Parks &
Recreation Coordinator

Next meeting – July 16, 2024