New Britain Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2015

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:30 PM

**Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance**

**In Attendance:**  Mary Pat and David Holewinski, Malcolm Rollins, Derek MacMillan, Vinnie Queris, Joe Cangelosi, Vicky Guentter, John and Kathleen Tatu, Jo Schuler, REgina Armitage, Bill Macklem, Richard & Lorraine Moxey.

**Minutes** from the July Meeting were reviewed Mary Pat made a motion to approve the minutes, Joe Cangelosi seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

**Treasurer’s Report** was presented by Malcolm Rollins.

Joe questioned pond expenses (see pond project report notes in Old Business

David clarified we will be reimbursed for additional trash pick up expenses related to the park program.

Mary Pat made a motion to approve the report, Derek seconded and the treasurer’s report was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

**Update on Social Media**: Vicky stated that she is posting items on Facebook and Twitter and expects to have the new website up and running by next week. Our new website will enable online sales and posting of our agenda and minutes, and other important updates.

Vicky will be getting the URL info from Dan Kinter

**New Shed Project Update**: Derek reported that old things have been cleaned out of the shed and that PA Rush would like to continue to use the old shed and will be moving it to North Branch Park

**Underground Water Supply Line**: Ken Bauer, our plumber, offered his expertise and informed David that the additional water line and usage should not be a problem for our well. Construction of the underground line supplying water from the park well to the community garden will not take place until after the new shed is completed and permits are obtained, likely sometime next year.

**Weekly Park Clean-Up Assignments**: The pavilion and both bathrooms have been painted by a local Boy Scout as part of his Eagle Scout project and the broken lights were repaired in the bathrooms. No new volunteers have signed up, Peg Havener cleans Mondays and David and Mary Pat clean Fridays.

**Duck Derby Update**: Derek reserved the fun house and a dry slide, David is contacting the Chalfont Fire Company, Derek will reserve a back up gas pump (in case water flow in the creek is insufficient). 13 Flocks of ducks have been sold. Mary Pat has been working hard requesting donations and sponsor forms have been delivered to area businesses.

A meeting just for Duck Derby will be held Monday, August 31 at the Borough offices.

**Email Address List**: David reported that Lori Kesilman will not be able to help with this project so we are still in need of a volunteer coordinator.

**Report on Pond Project**: David is working with Clean Flow to remove the duck weed. They have blocked the overflow egress to raise the water level in the pond and then will release the blockage and the duckweed should flow off.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bike Path Mary Pat presented a sketch drawing of the proposed bike path from Lamp Post Road to the park. It will be a joint project with Doylestown Township and Ventresca (the former owners of the apple orchard - who had put funds in escrow to complete the path).

Civic Association needs to give approval for the last piece of the path along the front of the park to the driveway. Civic will also need to contribute funds to the construction cost. Derek made a motion to approve $6,000 to complete our portion of the path, seconded by Joe Cangelosi and the motion passed unanimously.

**Neighborhood Get Together**: Vicky is mailing invitations for a neighborhood get together at the park, scheduled for Saturday, October 17th. Surrounding neighbors (walking distance) will be invited.

**Work Day**: Close the park for fall, Saturday, October 31 - all volunteers welcome.

**Meeting was Adjourned** at 8:30 PM Mary Pat made a motion to adjourn the motion, seconded by Joe Cangelosi and unanimously approved.