

New Britain Civic Association
Minutes
June 15, 2015

In Attendance: Malcolm Rollins, David and Mary Pat Holewinski, Lori and Stu Kesilman, Derek MacMillan, Peter and Tess LaMontagne, Derek MacMillan, David Riccardi, Joe Cangelosi, and Halsey White.

Minutes from the May meeting were presented (via email prior to the meeting). Mary Pat made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Joe Cangelosi and unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report for May as well as the annual report and the audit was presented by Malcolm Rollins. Mary Pat made a motion to approve the reports as presented, seconded by Joe Cangelosi and unanimously approved.

By-Law Discussion Tess pointed out that we cannot change by-laws tonight, but we can begin the preparations to do the same as needed. Mary Pat presented her opinions about adding additional board members. David made a plea for additional workers and Civic Association members. Derek spoke about adding new members. Discussion followed on whether or not there is a need to increase the number of board members vs increasing the number of working/active members. Halsey White commented that you don't need to be a board member to help and work at the park or for Civic. Discussion of the by-laws continued, including the ramifications of our 501C3 status.

According to Pete LaMontagne, Pete and Tess LaMontagne, Halsey White, Stu and Lori Kesilman, David Riccardi and Jeff Gilmore are all willing to be additional board members as needed.

Nomination of Officers Pete made a motion to nominate Pete LaMontagne, Dan OLeary, Halsey White, David Siegfried, and Lori Kesilman to be directors of the corporation, seconded by Derek Macmillan. Mary Pat suggested adding additional nominees as an amendment to Pete's motion. Vinnie Quirus, Regina Armitage, John Tatu and David Riccardi were added to the slate of nominees for board members.

David made a motion to table elections until a special meeting could be planned for and advertised via snail mail as per the bylaws. Joe Cangelosi seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Postcards will be prepared to mail out to the membership advising them of upcoming elections. David will contact Marie Coia to get the list of members.

OLD BUSINESS

New Shed Project update Construction will begin, all funds are secured. Mr. Steve Gilmore has donated the remainder of the funds needed for the project (\$10,000). Pete has secured donations of lumber, labor, etc. They are currently planning to break ground in August as soon as the park program has completed. We have final construction drawings and Rick Eggleston will be our project manager.

David proposed having a reconstruction meeting sometime in July.

Discussion of the planned completion of the project followed. The goal is to have it completed as soon as possible to be able to surprise the Gilmore family.

Update on Summer Recreation Program Park program is full.

Duck Derby Discussion Duck Derby planning is well underway and on target per Derek. Mary Pat asked if anyone will be handing out flyers advertising the duck derby at the Fourth of July Parade. Pete LaMontagne and the Kesilman daughters will pass out flyers during the parade. Derek is working on getting a donation in kind to update the graphics for posters/flyers/yard signs.

Scholarship Update We have two applications from CB South for the Mike Havener memorial scholarship. Mary Pat presented the resumes. MP recommended Julia V. Le. Derek made a motion to approve Julia and David seconded and she was unanimously approved as this year's recipient.

Tree Removal David got two bids for the tree removal. MP made a motion to use Happy Tree (the low bidder), Derek seconded and it was unanimously approved to have Happy Tree remove the dead trees. David will call Happy Tree in the morning.

Orchard Park Community Garden water supply discussion

NEW BUSINESS

Park Weekly clean-up discussion Peg is helping with bathroom cleaning and pavilion tidying on Mondays (Mary Pat and David have been doing this themselves every Monday and Friday).

Open

Adjournment at 9:20 PM Derek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by MP and the meeting was adjourned

