

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SENIOR VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Montgomery Township Senior Volunteer Committee was held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2009 at the Montgomery Township Building. The members of the Senior Volunteer Committee in attendance included Peg Azarian, Judith Fabian, Helen Haag, Tanya Redilla, Richard Roller, Ralph Schurr and Kathryn Sletten. Also present: Jeffrey McDonnell, Board of Supervisors Liaison, and Stacy Crandell, Public Information Coordinator.

Call to Order: Chairman Ralph Schurr called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Approval of Minutes From June Meeting: Minutes were approved as submitted.

Public Comment: None.

New Business:

Autumn Festival Activities: The Committee discussed what they would like to do at their Autumn Festival table and signed up to volunteer at the event. Committee members Tanya Redilla and Kathryn Sletten are going to have equipment and perform blood pressure for event attendees. Also, the Committee decided to ask Bob Sykes from the PEAK Center to attend and help answer questions about senior programs at the center and he also has knowledge of Medicare. Rich Roller will contact him to see if he is available.

The Committee also discussed what they would like to have at the table. Helen Haag will help gather some more information for the table and Senior Resource Center from County and State Offices. Staff will check with Rick Taylor's office about the personal affair books. The table will have a plastic tablecloth with information and posters to promote the upcoming Senior Seminar and Senior Resource Center. The Senior Committee would also like to have "Senior Suggestion Box" to help give suggestions to the Committee. Also they would like a clipboard to help residents to give their contact information and email address so they can receive future news about senior issues once the new website is up and running.

Cancelling the December Meeting: Due to the Holiday Celebration being on the same night as the meeting, the committee voted to not have a meeting in December. They will meet in November at their regular scheduled date and time. Due to the Senior Seminar on Wed. Oct 14th, the Committee will not meet Wednesday night.

Committee Website Ideas: The Committee thought having a feedback form was very important but they will wait until the November meeting to give more feedback once a design concept is decided upon by Township Staff.

Pre-Planning Funeral Arrangements: Staff was contacted by Whitmarsh Memorial Park about discussing pre-planning for funeral arrangements. The Committee believes that this is an important subject and will work at their November meeting to get an estate lawyer, as well as Whitmarsh Memorial Park to come out and discuss the different options. Helen Haag had the contact information for an estate attorney who has spoken to many community groups.

Old Business:

Senior Safety Seminar Update: Staff gave an update regarding the Senior Seminar. It is on the agenda for the September 14th Board Meeting for the Supervisors' approval. The Committee would like to have light refreshments for the event.

Other Business:

Jeffrey McDonnell and Township Staff made the Committee aware that Montgomery Township was chosen by Money Magazine as one of the Best Places to Retire for Healthcare. The Township submitted background information and will find out when the article will be published.

Rich Roller also made the announcements about another Senior Expo that is sponsored by the PEAK Center which will be held in Hatfield on Fairgrounds Road on Friday October 2nd from 10AM-4PM.

Judy Fabian also announced her resignation from the Committee as she will be moving to NJ to be closer to family. Her resignation is effective October 12, 2009. The Committee thanked her for her service.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Senior Volunteer Committee, the meeting adjourned at 8:17p.m. The group will meet next on November 11, 2009 at the Montgomery Township Building at 7:00pm.