

**Montgomery Township
Senior Committee Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2022**

Location: Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center, Senior Lounge

Members Present: Chairman Charles Vesay, Claire Bruno, Joy Zwicker, Jess Jastrzembski, Don Riley Board Liaison, Audrey Ware, Staff Liaison Deborah Rivas

Public Guests: Ralph Schurr, Barbara Vesay

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chuck Vesay at 12:03 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment:

Chuck Vesay will inquire at each meeting if any members have concerns regarding COVID and meeting in person. No one expressed concerns.

Ralph Schurr provided a summary of his experience serving on the Senior Committee and stated that the Board chose not to extend his service on the Committee. He offered to advise the committee based on his experience and history over the past 13 years on the committee. The members expressed that all were welcome to attend the meetings and thanked Mr. Schurr for sharing his experience and history.

4. Approval of the Minutes for March 16, 2022 - A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Joy Zwicker and seconded by Claire Bruno. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Old Business:

a) **Letterhead Design:** Joy Zwicker presented a draft of the proposed Senior Committee letterhead. Suggestions were made to enhance the top wording "Supporting Our Seniors", possibly changing the word "activities", revising the staff liaison name, removing the "i" from Jessi Jastrzembski's name and adding the information for the Township's cable channels.

b) **Follow-Up on PA Sunshine Law Zoom Presentation:** Chuck Vesay confirmed that all members had viewed the Zoom presentation and asked if anyone had any questions. Joy Zwicker inquired if it was permissible to list herself as a Volunteer Member of the Senior Committee on her personal social media and it was agreed that would be fine.

6. New Business:

a) **Demographics** – Joy Zwicker provided handouts and reported on the demographics of Seniors in Montgomery Township. Based on the information, it was determined that 17% (4,345) of the population of the Township are aged 65 or older.

b) **Survey** – Chuck Vesay discussed the creation of a brief survey for people who enter the classes at the community center and Audrey Ware and Claire Bruno provided an update. They spoke to the fitness instructor, Vicki, who agreed to hand out the survey to the participants of her classes to gather information. Chuck asked Claire to coordinate the survey and Audrey and Joy agreed to assist her with the completion of the draft questions that will be on the survey. The draft survey will be shared with the committee members. Joy Zwicker

asked about reaching those seniors who do not come to the center or are not getting out of their homes. Print newsletters, flyers posted around the Township and the use of the local government cable channel were discussed. The members agreed that they would focus on the outreach resources once they begin to plan activities.

- c) Chuck Vesay mentioned that Montgomery Township will be hosting the Corn Hole event for the Montgomery County Senior Games on May 10th beginning at 8:30 a.m. and that the event is full.
- d) **Review of Past Literature** – Chuck Vesay stated that he would like to have the committee review the old literature that had been previously handed out by the committee to check for out of date information and decide how best to hand out information going forward. Jess Jastrzembski, Don Riley and Chuck Vesay will look at the literature pieces and come up with a plan. At the next meeting, they will display the literature.

7. Discussion Items:

- a) Joy Zwicker informed the committee that interest rates have increased to 5 – 5 ½ percent and will continue to increase through the end of 2023. There are also new appraisal rules that may have a huge impact on home values. The new rules involve rooms less than 7ft. in height which may not be counted as space in an appraisal.
- b) Audrey Ware announced upcoming Township events: Arbor Day and Electronic Recycling on Saturday, April 23rd.

- 8. Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:02 p.m. by Jess Jastrzembski and seconded by Claire Bruno. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Rivas, Staff Liaison

Next meeting: **Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at Noon**