

**Montgomery Township
Senior Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2022**

Location: Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center, Senior Lounge

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

Public Guests: Derek Muller, Barbara Vesay

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Chuck Vesay at 12:04 p.m.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment:** Barbara Vesay mentioned that some visitors to the building were asking for copies of the Senior Survey. Claire Bruno indicated that the surveys were available at the front table in the lobby.
- 4. Approval of the Minutes for April 20, 2022** - A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Claire Bruno and seconded by Joy Zwicker. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. New Business:**
 - A) Montgomery County Senior Games Cornhole Event** - Chairman Vesay thanked Floyd Shaffer, Derek Muller, and Dan Quinn for helping the Township to begin hosting the cornhole event at the Community Center for the Montgomery County Senior Games. Derek Muller reported that 95 seniors had registered for the event and 65 had attended. Dan Quinn said that all are welcome to join the cornhole practice at the Community Center every Thursday evening.
 - B) Communication Channels for Seniors** – Chairman Vesay spoke about the handouts that the Senior Committee had provided in the past at various Township events. Ms. Vesay asked Montgomery Township Public Information Coordinator Derek Muller to present the various options available for the Senior Committee to get the word out now. Mr. Muller reviewed the Township website and the different committee webpages, the social media outlets, and cable channels. Mr. Muller indicated that if the information is provided to him, he can post it wherever the committee would like. Other committees are sending information on a monthly or quarterly basis and Mr. Muller is posting the content provided. Discussion followed and suggestions were made to encourage seniors to sign up for the weekly electronic newsletter. Mr. Vesay asked the committee to consider how to encourage residents/Seniors to use the information tools that we currently have available.
 - C) Dan Quinn – Comment on Cornhole and Senior Games Overall** – Mr. Quinn provided an update on the Senior Games and the cornhole event.
- 6. Old Business:**
 - A) Letterhead:** Joy Zwicker made the changes requested at the last meeting and the letter was approved. The Township will provide copies on good paper for any printing needs.

- B) Senior Survey** – Claire Bruno reported that the survey results are starting to come in. Some responses suggested that senior activities be held in the mornings or afternoons and not evenings. Bus trips, more silver sneakers classes, chair yoga, book club, ballroom dancing, senior arts and crafts and pottery were some additional suggestions. Educational programs such as American history, computer classes and fire safety were also suggested. Communication preferences included Facebook, pamphlets and emails or text messages. Discussion followed and the committee felt that the surveys will provide them with items to focus on. Additional survey results are expected to come in.
- C) Review of Past Literature** – Mr. Vesay reported several members reviewed the literature pieces and found that most items were out of date. Mr. Vesay suggested that each committee member select a topic of interest to research and provide updated information that could be shared with the senior population. Ms. Ware suggested an annual Medicare event. Ms. Zwicker selected senior veterans and the benefits available to them. Mr. Jastrzemski and Mr. Riley will work on promoting the senior games and activities and also research creating games for Montgomery Township seniors. Ms. Bruno will research updated transportation options with reduced pricing for seniors.

7. Discussion Items: No new discussion items.

- 8. Adjournment:** There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:53 p.m. by Chuck Vesay and seconded by Claire Bruno. The motion passed unanimously. Several members made a post-meeting walking lap on the trail outside the Community and Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Rivas, Staff Liaison

Next meeting: **Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at Noon**