

## Montgomery Township Senior Committee

### **Meeting Minutes for March 13, 2013**

*The Regular Meeting was held at 7:00 PM, Wednesday March 13, 2013 at the Montgomery Township Building. The members of the Montgomery Township Senior Volunteer Committee in attendance included Peg Azarian, Helen Haag, Marian Pinkerton, Ralph Schurr, Jackie Volk, Patricia Forbes, and Rich Roller. Also present were Laura Duff and Jeffrey McDonnell.*

**Call to Order:** Helen Haag called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 PM

**Approval of Minutes for the January 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting:** Minutes were approved as submitted

**Public Comment:** No public comment was heard.

#### **New and Old Business:**

It was addressed that the Senior Committee has many events and priorities that coincide with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Board. This had been discussed following the Volunteer Brunch on March 3, 2013. It was determined that the Senior Committee should reach out to the department and the board and figure out how the groups could become better involved. Ralph, Helen, Jackie, and Marian met in an impromptu meeting with the Parks and Recreation Department on March 10, 2013 to discuss mutual events and potential future coordination. During this meeting, it was discovered that there were two events planned for the same date and time (May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013) and that the Senior Committee would need to discuss a new date for Rosemary Ferrino to come in to discuss eldercare since Richard Roller had been previously scheduled for the May 16<sup>th</sup> slot. Helen and Ralph both brought up that Ferrino typically came in the evening since the children of seniors often attended the event as well as seniors themselves. It was determined that May 8<sup>th</sup> with a back-up date of May 15<sup>th</sup> would be brought to the attention of Ferrino for opportunities to come into Montgomery Township. These dates were used since it would coincide with what would normally be a meeting date for the Senior Committee. It was also discussed that Laura would ask Bob Sykes to come in for a Medicare discussion on the third Thursday in October as part of the Baby Boomer series that the Township is currently hosting. Helen addressed that there would also be the need for brochures to be made for Rosemary Ferrino's presentation. Helen further suggested that there be a liaison to Todd Stephens who could discuss legislation that might impact seniors. She brought up HR 273 which dealt with seniors receiving tax breaks for volunteering in public schools. Ralph volunteered to be the liaison to Representative Stephens' office.

The Senior Games were brought up and discussed as far as details of occurrences. Ralph volunteered to be the face of the Senior Committee to the Senior Games. Committee was general unsure about what Montgomery Township could provide to the Senior Games, being that they were well attended, advertised, and sponsored. Richard suggested putting the Senior Games in the E-News. Ralph will bring in the flyer the Games send out once he receives it.

Helen brought up the need for ideas for September and December's Baby Boomer events. Past attendees mentioned the desire to have more time to socialize. Helen brought up the idea of a picnic similar to what Horsham does, with Spring Valley Park pavilion as a potential location.

Ralph suggested that there be a liaison each month to the Park Board the Senior Committee does not have a meeting. The liaison could either be designated or rotational between members. It was addressed that this could be helpful the farther along in the process the Community Center became. Jeff agreed and supported the idea.

Helen suggested the idea of a continental style lunch or dessert table once a month at the future Community Center which attendees would pay for.

Richard's presentation will not include a DVD; instead he will use PowerPoint on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

It was suggested by Helen that there be no Baby Boomer events during July and August. In addition, she also suggested that the Committee go through the brochure rack and make a list of which is needed. Ralph brought up that the information guide needed to be updated. It was addressed that the number for the police dispatch has changed and is different than the one in the phone book. It was brought up that this should be included in a future E-News.

The next meeting is set for June 12, 2013.

**Adjourn:** The regular meeting was adjourned at 19:47 by Ralph and seconded by Marian.