

Montgomery Township Senior Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 13, 2013

Location: Montgomery Township Building, Community Room A

Present: Helen Haag, Chair, Peg Azarian, Jeff McDonald, Marian Pinkerton, Richard Roller, Ralph Schurr, Jacqueline Volk, and Ginny Bailey.

Chair Helen Haag called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the September 11, 2013 meeting were approved as distributed.

Public Comment

There were no guests but Ralph and the Committee congratulated Jeff on his re-election to the Board of Supervisors.

Old Business:

Autumn Festival

The Committee said it was a very hot day but agreed it was successful. They thought attendance was low but that could be due to either the heat or other municipalities, churches, groups, etc. holding events the same day. It was suggested the Township check to see when other events are planned to avoid competition in the future. The Committee was reminded that in 2014 the Township will hold a Community Day on September 20th that will take the place of the Autumn Festival.

Medicare Seminar

The Committee thought the turnout was fairly good. Bob didn't have 2014's Medicare information but gave attendees his phone number and encouraged them to call if they had any questions once the information was available. The Committee decided they would offer this seminar every year.

Community Center Update

Ralph reported that the last few meetings involved with the design of the building and picking out materials but the meeting today discussed the budget and ways to make it more cost effective. Ralph reported the Township is still on track for breaking ground spring 2014 and it will take a year to build. The Committee agreed it will be a great facility for seniors.

PA House Bill 658

Ralph reported he had no new updates since September. The bill was passed by the State Senate and is currently being held up in the PA House Finance Committee. Committee members commented that it is doubtful the bill will ever pass since it will be difficult to monitor volunteer hours and the schools may not be able to handle the influx of volunteers.

Senior Resource Guide

Ginny reported the Resource Guide was completed and available at the Autumn Festival, that copies are in the information racks in the lobby of the Township Building and a copy is available on the Township website. She asked if anyone had any changes to please let her know so she can keep it updated. Ginny also mentioned that Marian had asked her to make more copies of the Veterans Benefits flyer but Ginny noticed the last time it was updated was 2007. After checking to make sure the phone numbers were the same, she discovered some of the information had changed and now the flyer has correct and up-to-date information.

New Business:

Report from the Recreation Office

Ginny reported she was working on the 2014 Winter Recreation Newsletter and reviewed the programs planned for the Baby Boomers & Beyond events for January, February and March and asked for Committee suggestions for the Spring Newsletter. Some suggestions included contacting Wegmans to provide speakers for “healthy eating” or “cooking for 2” or a Township Senior Games when the new recreation center opens. Ginny encouraged the Committee to support the Baby Boomer events as well as the Montgomery 300 Historic House Tour and Breakfast with Santa.

Reorganization Meeting for January

Helen asked the Committee to think about nominations for the January meeting and to come prepared with ideas for things the Committee could do in 2014. The Committee agreed to continue the 2 seminars they currently sponsor as well as the Baby Boomer events. Ginny mentioned that she’s received a couple of phone calls from veterans who were dismayed that the Township didn’t do anything to honor veterans. Some ideas were discussed but it was thought the new community center would be the best place to hold any events.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey