

Montgomery Township Senior Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 12, 2014

Location: Montgomery Township Building, Community Room A

Present: Peg Azarian, Chairman, Pat Forbes, Helen Haag, Jeff McDonald, Marian Pinkerton, Ralph Schurr, Jacqueline Volk, and Ginny Bailey.

Also present: John Nolan, Township resident

Chairman Peg Azarian called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Old Business:

Community Center Update

Ralph was unable to attend the meeting on January 22, 2014 so Richard Roller attended in his place. Rich was unable to attend the meeting but did submit the attached report. Jeff added that bids are now open to construction companies and since the Township is required to accept the lowest responsible bids, the bids are with the architects for review. Jeff also mentioned that the Township is interviewing an onsite construction manager to oversee the building process.

PA House Bill 658

Ralph reported he had no new updates and the bill is still with the PA House Finance Committee. He said it's been a year since the bill was introduced so it will either have to be re-introduced or will die in committee. Due to problems with monitoring the program, Ralph thought the bill will not be re-introduced.

Report From the Recreation Office

Ginny reported that the Spring/Summer newsletter is out and includes programs such as Zumba Gold and the AARP Driver Safety classes as well as the schedule for the Summer Concert Series. Baby Boomers programs include the movie, The Bucket List, in March, Candy Making with Kitchen Wizards in April and planting herb container gardens in May.

Helen said she had a concern about information in the newsletter regarding a 300th Anniversary Committee program. The 300th Anniversary Committee was encouraging residents of the Township to contribute 300 minutes of service and mentioned Neshaminy Falls as a place to perform this community service. Ginny assured her that the program has been re-evaluated and

residents wanting to participate would be encouraged to donate their time to charities or organization of their choice and that all references to Neshaminy Falls have been removed from the Township and Montgomery 300 websites.

Red Cross Volunteers

Ginny reported that she has received the names and information of 27 people who were willing to volunteer and receive the Red Cross training so the Township Building could be used by the residents in case of natural or man-made disasters. She will let Rick Lesinak know of this interest so he can arrange a meeting with the Red Cross.

Marian was going through some information and found an Emergency Preparedness brochure and a Consumer Action Handbook that contained really good and helpful information. Marian said she would take them with her the next time she went to Rep. Todd Stephen's office to see if she could get updated copies for the racks in the Township Building lobby.

New Business:

Future Baby Boomers Events

Ginny mentioned that while the events up until now have been free to participants, movies cost about \$100 to rent and the Recreation Office will be charged \$10 per person for materials when Kitchen Wizards comes back in April. Ginny said that while the Recreation Office will absorb these costs for the programs through May, she asked the Committee to consider whether we should charge a nominal fee moving forward with next year's programs.

In addition to the cost of the programs, ways to promote the events to get more participation was discussed. Helen said she will be able to get information in the Neshaminy Falls newsletter and Jackie suggested having the schedule of fall events available at the Summer Concert Series. Ginny asked the Committee to think about what kind of programs they would like to have in the fall and we would revisit this topic at the June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, June 11th at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey