

Montgomery Township Senior Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 11, 2014

Location: Montgomery Township Building, Community Room A

Present: Pat Forbes, Helen Haag, Richard Roller, Ralph Schurr, Jacqueline Volk, and Ginny Bailey.

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Richard Roller called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting were approved as distributed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Old Business:

Community Center Update

Ralph reported that the ground breaking ceremony for the new Community Center will take place on Thursday, June 26th and invitations were sent this week. The ground breaking was supposed to take place in May but was held up due to an EPA problem. Once building is begun, the Center should be completed in late spring/early summer next year.

PA House Bill 658

Ralph reported he had no new updates and the bill is still with the PA House Finance Committee. He said he's talked to State Representative Todd Stephens and nothing has changed.

Report From the Recreation Office

Ginny encouraged attendance at an Environmental Advisory Committee event next week. A Penn State Master Gardener is coming to present a program on environmentally friendly ways to get rid of pests and a bat house will be raffled.

Ginny also asked if the Senior Committee wanted information available at the Summer Concerts again this year. The Committee agreed to participate and would like to have information available even if the concert was held indoors due to bad weather. The Committee would like a table in front of the Recreation Office where it would be out of the way but visible to anyone attending the concert.

Red Cross Volunteers

Richard reported that there have been two meetings held so far with two more planned – 1 scheduled this summer in Neshaminy Falls and 1 in the fall for the Senior Volunteers. Richard

said the training would be geared toward a warming center at the Township Building now and the Community Center in the future.

New Business:

Future Baby Boomers Events

Ginny said she will be starting to look into programs for the upcoming year of Baby Boomers & Beyond events and asked for suggestions. The Committee suggested getting a current speakers list from RSVP and they would like to have someone from the Fire Department come back to talk about fire safety. After some discussion, it was decided that there be no Baby Boomer event in September due to the 300th Anniversary Community Day being the same week. The tentative schedule for the fall will be:

- September – no event
- October – Medicare Seminar
- November – Making cookies with Kathy Wolper
- December – open (perhaps a travelogue)

There was also discussion on charging a fee for programs that incurred a cost, such as the cookie program in November. The Committee felt that anyone attending should pay for the cost of materials but there was also discussion that a \$2-\$3 fee be charged each month to cover refreshments or could be pooled to help cover the cost of expenses for a program or to get a speaker that charged a fee.

Affordable Care Act

Ralph presented an article that discussed how the Affordable Care Act was taking money out of Medicare and felt that seniors should be aware of this information. While the Committee didn't want to get political, they did feel it was important for seniors to know about anything that would affect Medicare.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, September 10th at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey