

Montgomery Township Senior Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 10, 2014

Location: Montgomery Township Building, Community Room A

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

Also present: Marilyn Mitchell

Chair Peg Azarian called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

After some of the topics in the June 11, 2014 meeting minutes were discussed, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Public Comment

Marilyn Mitchell currently works at Abington Hospital where she plans seminars, workshops and trips. She will be retiring in January and is interested in bringing her expertise to the Township and offered her assistance to the Senior Committee.

Old Business:

Community Center Update

Ralph sent a report and pictures of the progress – as of this week the walls have started to go up and the contractors are reported to be on time.

PA House Bill 658

Ralph reported he had no new updates and the bill continues to linger in the PA House Finance Committee. At the end of the session, the bill will die and have to be re-introduced.

Report From the Recreation Office

Ginny reported that the Baby Boomer programs will be:

September – no event due to Community Day

October – Medicare Update with Bob Sykes

November – Cookies Around the World with Kathy Wolper

December – Travelogue – Singapore presented by Susan Adler, RSVP Volunteer

Ginny will have a flyer for the upcoming Baby Boomer programs ready for Community Day. Ralph was concerned that there wouldn't be many attendees at the Medicare Update in October because it was being held during the day. He thinks that the Medicare Update and Elder Law seminars should be held at night when a senior's children can attend.

Red Cross Volunteers

No one has heard anything new and the meeting that was supposed to take place at Neshaminy Falls this summer did not happen.

New Business:

Community Day

There were many concerns from the Committee about Community Day such as parking for volunteers – particularly handicapped parking, where the Senior Committee table will be located, bathrooms, the number of shuttles available – especially after the fireworks, how the Senior Committee will get its literature to the park, etc. The Committee asked for a copy of the vendor map and asked if it and information on parking could be added to the Township website. Ginny said she would discuss these concerns with Sharon Tucker and will send an email to the Committee.

Jackie, Helen, Peg, Marian and Ralph said they could be at the table all day and Pat can only be at the table till 4:00.

Literature for the Lobby

Ginny said she went through the box and racks in the lobby and took out everything that was torn or out of date. She said that while the Committee had limited brochures, whatever they had they had a lot of it and not much variety. Jackie said she would go to State Rep. Todd Stephens office to see what literature was available. Helen commented that the racks in the lobby looked “shabby”.

Senior Expo

Helen said she received information that State Rep. Todd Stephens will be hosting a Senior Expo on Saturday, October 11th from 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon at Simmons Elementary School, 411 Babylon Road, Horsham.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey