

## Montgomery Township Senior Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date: June 10, 2015

Location: Montgomery Township Building, Community Room A

Present: Peg Azarian, Chair, Pat Forbes, Helen Haag, Jeff McDonnell, Richard Roller, Jackie Volk, and Ginny Bailey.

Guest – Karen Grant

### Public Comment

Helen asked Karen to speak to the Committee about adult coloring books. Karen explained that coloring was good therapy for stress relief, sleeplessness, mental relaxation, or if you have trouble with your hands. She said adult coloring is a growing trend and showed two examples of the intricate and detailed coloring books available. You can use either crayons or colored pencils but Karen said she preferred to use pencils. Karen said coloring would be a good activity for the Community Center or maybe a Baby Boomers program. It was suggested that Karen contact Recreation Coordinator Matt Reimel to set up classes or coloring sessions.

Chairman Peg Azarian called the meeting to order at 7:18 pm.

The minutes of the March 11, 2015 meeting were approved as distributed.

Rich was asked about the Charlie Hanken statues he had mentioned at the last meeting. Rich said the statues were nudes and would not be appropriate for either the Community Center or the Historical Society.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### Community Center Update

Since Ralph was unable to attend, Ginny distributed copies of the report he emailed to the Committee. There was a question about how the senior memberships would work with the Silver Sneakers program – would the membership fee be refunded if someone is enrolled in Silver Sneakers? Ginny said she would check on it and report back to the group.

#### Community Center Meeting at Neshaminy Falls

Helen attended a meeting at the Neshaminy Falls club house conducted by Recreation Coordinator Matt Reimel. Matt asked if the residents would be interested in BINGO but Helen said the residents want prizes and play every Thursday. Residents had several questions including why the concerts were changed to Thursday nights and if there would be a membership discount for veterans. Suggested classes included painting on Saturdays, gardening, and cards

games. Matt explained the benefits of a senior membership and said residents would have to show proof of residence to take advantage of the free activities.

#### Elder Law Seminar – Wrap Up

The Committee thought the seminar had a very good turnout and they heard a lot of good feedback.

#### Report from the Recreation Office

Ginny reported that the Grand Opening for the new Community Center was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> with lots of activities planned.

#### **New Business:**

#### Summer Concerts

Concerts will start June 18<sup>th</sup> with Elvis by Dean Garofolo. The Committee will need new material for the table and Helen and Jackie will get more material from Rep. Todd Stephens office. It was suggested we get bands or bungee cords to keep the material from blowing away.

#### Pat Forbes Resignation

Ginny mentioned that Pat's letter of resignation was accepted at the June 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting. Several Committee members will attend a lunch for Pat on Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Pumpernick's. The Committee said good-bye to Pat and wished her well in her new home.

#### Autumn Festival

Ginny reported that the Autumn Festival will be held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Windlestrae Park from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm for the vendors and fireworks at 8:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting – Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by  
Ginny Bailey