

Montgomery Township Senior Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16, 2016

Location: Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Building, Senior Lounge

Present: Jacqueline Volk, Chair, Peg Azarian, Karen Grant, Helen Haag, Jeff McDonnell, Richard Roller, Ralph Schurr, and Ginny Bailey

Chairman Jackie Volk called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

New Business:

Change in Meeting Date

After changing the meeting date to the 3rd Wednesday of the month, it was discovered that the date would be a conflict for Richard Roller who is also on the Shade Tree Commission which meets the same night. After a brief discussion and finding out if Board Liaison, Jeff McDonnell, had any meeting conflicts, the Committee voted to move the meeting to the first Wednesday of the month.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Unfinished Business:

Elder Law Seminar

Ginny contacted Rosemary Ferrino's office and arranged for the seminar to take place on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 pm in the Senior Lounge of the Community and Recreation Center. After discussing last year's seminar with Rosemary's assistant, Ginny said they thought it might be better to limit the topics so more information could be covered and have attendees hold all questions until the end of the presentation. Ginny sent a copy of the 2016 flyer to Rosemary and her assistant for review and is waiting for approval.

Summer Concert Series

Ginny reported that the bands were booked and the schedule is on the Township and montcrc.com websites. Since the concerts will now be at the Community and Recreation Center, Ginny will not be attending the concerts because Matt and the evening staff will be available for assistance.

Ginny suggesting putting a table on the sidewalk between the main entrance stairs and “stairs to nowhere” and said staff would make sure a table and chairs would be available but that the Senior Committee would be responsible for getting and putting out the information. The Committee will determine who will get and put out the information. There was concern that the outside bathrooms would not be available but Ginny assured them that the bathrooms would be opened shortly as the weather improved and for the concerts.

Report from the Recreation Office

- Solana Senior Living Programs – While the craft programs are well attended, the response has not been so good for the indoor bocce games. It was suggested since the weather is getting warmer, there may be more attendees if they could play bocce outside. Ginny said she would discuss it with Matt and Brian to see if there was a place outside the Center that would be a good place to play or maybe go to a park. If the games are moved outside, we’ll have to make sure the lawn is mowed to be conducive to play.
- Visit to Neshaminy Falls – Brian went to Neshaminy Falls on March 10th to talk about the Center, programs available and to promote accepting Silver Sneakers for the fitness facilities and exercise programs. Although the meeting was not well attended, Ginny reported that several residents came in to see the facility and ask about the programs. It was suggested that other homeowner associations in the Township be contacted but most of them are only concerned with the outside appearance of the homes.

APPRISE Consultant at the Community Center

The Committee asked if any decision had been made on an office or area Nancy could use as an APPRISE site. The Senior Lounge was originally suggested but the room is too big or maybe an office in the Township Building. After the meeting, it was suggested that the Child Watch room at the Center could be used since there are no babysitting hours in the afternoon. Since the room is already equipped with Wi-Fi and a phone, it would only need a table where Nancy could meet with clients. Ginny said she would find out if the room would be available.

Emergency Shelter

Jeff was asked if a decision had been made about a suitable emergency shelter and he said the Supervisors had not had the opportunity to discuss the matter so nothing was decided.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Next meeting – **Wednesday, June 1st** at 7:00 pm in the Senior Lounge.

Submitted by
Ginny Bailey