

## Montgomery Township Senior Committee Meeting Minutes

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Date: November 2, 2016

Location: Montgomery Township Community & Recreation Center, Senior Lounge

Present: Jacqueline Volk, Chair, Helen Haag, Marian Pinkerton, Richard Roller, Ralph Schurr, Jeff McDonnell, Board Liaison, Athletic and Recreation Coordinator, Matt Reimel, and Ginny Bailey

Chair Jackie Volk called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the September 7, 2016 meeting were approved as distributed.

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### Senior Expo - Recap

The Committee thought the expo was great and appreciates Rep. Stephens holding these events.

#### Autumn Festival - Recap

The Committee thought having the Festival indoors worked to our advantage. Matt mentioned that because of the favorable feedback from the vendors and residents, there have already been discussions about having the Autumn Festival at the Center instead of the park. Everything we've had at the park could be held at the Center with the exception of the corn maze and fireworks. Matt commended the different committees and departments for pulling the event together and the Committee gave special thanks to Matt for checking on everyone throughout the day.

#### Medicare Seminar - Recap

The Committee thought Nancy did a wonderful job and there was a good turnout. They liked the PowerPoint presentation and Nancy stuck to topic and answered questions.

#### Breakfast with Santa

Rich, Helen and Jackie offered to help out and Matt told them to arrive by 9:30 am. Matt reported there were 52 people signed up so far and if we get many more, we will move the event into the gym. Volunteers will be needed to help with crafts and serve food.

#### Status of Finding New Committee Person

Tanya Redilla was suggested as a possible replacement to fill the vacancy on the Committee. She

had been a member of the Committee when it first formed and might be interested in coming back. The Committee asked Jeff if the Supervisors need to vet any nominees and he said the Supervisors did when they started the Committee but now nominations and vetting should be done by the Committee. It was also suggested that if someone is interested in joining the Committee to invite him/her to the next meeting so he/she can see what's involved.

#### Report of the Recreation Office

Matt reported on some of the programs for seniors that will be included in the winter Recreation Newsletter such as Senior Seminars and gave a brief description of the seminars planned through March. If successful, the seminars will continue past March. Some suggestions were discussed for speakers or programs like having someone come in to talk about their hobby or teach a skill like knitting. Matt wants to have a wider variety of programs and has contacted the Montgomery County Senior Games about holding an event at the Center. He also discussed upcoming events like the Family Bingo Night. When asked about the feedback from the focus groups, Matt said the feedback was being reviewed and it will be presented to the advisory committee.

#### **New Business:**

##### Elder Law Seminar

Rosemary Ferrino's office has been contacted but have not yet responded to Ginny's email. Ginny said she'll wait a few more days and then try again. She asked a few dates when Rosemary or her staff might be available in either March, later April or early May.

##### Reorganization Meeting in January

The Committee will meet in January and if Jackie does not want to continue as chair, we will need nominations for that office as well as vice chair which is currently vacant. Rich suggested appointing a nominating committee. Also, the January meeting is usually the time the Committee plans out it's events for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Next meeting – **Wednesday, January 4, 2017** at 7:00 pm in the Senior Lounge.

Submitted by  
Ginny Bailey