

**Montgomery Township
Senior Committee Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2022**

Location: Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center, Senior Lounge

Members Present: Claire Bruno, Jess Jastrzembski, Joyce Malagari, Bud Reick, Don Riley, Charles Vesay, Joy Zwicker, Board Liaison Audrey Ware, and Staff Liaison Deborah Rivas

Public Guests: Barbara Vesay

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chuck Vesay at 12:04 p.m.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment:** Barbara Vesay stated that she spoke with a resident who is involved in many activities and asked her about seniors and social media use. Her response was that seniors do not know how to use it, and if classes were held, no one would attend because they find it too intimidating. Comments were made regarding not being able to reach everyone; sometimes a little encouragement goes a long way, and do not get discouraged as the committee has an outreach goal they are working to achieve.
- 4. Approval of the Minutes for June 15, 2022** –A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Claire Bruno and seconded by Jess Jastrzembski. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. New Business:** None.
- 6. Old Business:**
 - a. Autumn Festival** – The committee will have a table and request a canopy cover for the day. Clare Bruno asked about the activities offered and suggested a cell phone class on the top three things seniors should know about their phones. Joy Zwicker will bring her laptop and help senior residents sign up for the Township’s electronic newsletter. It was suggested that the committee get one sign to show what they were offering at their table. A suggestion was also made to have a dress rehearsal of what the committee will offer at their September meeting.
 - b. Park Board** – Chuck Vesay reported that he, Don Riley, and Audrey Ware attended the most recent Park Board meeting. There was a significant discussion regarding Pickle Ball Courts and the need for more courts in the Township. Park Board member Angelo Grasso suggested that a member of the Senior Committee join the Park Board as there are a few vacancies. Jess Jastrzembski volunteered to apply to become a member of the Park Board but remain a member of the Senior Committee. Audrey Ware offered to check and see if a whole new application was required.

A suggestion of doing an informational mailing to senior residents regarding recreational activities was made. Supervisor Candyce Chimera suggested that Representative Todd Stephen’s office might be able to assist with a mailing. Audrey Ware reached out to Todd Stephen’s office, and they are on board with the suggestion. Representative Stephens will plan to attend the next Senior Committee meeting to discuss a possible late September

mailing. In the meantime, Audrey Ware suggested that the committee members prepare a draft of what they would like in the mailing.

The Park Board was asked about the Bocce Ball Courts project and they said it would be done next year. Deb Rivas provided an update from Township Manager Carolyn McCreary with the timeline of the bid process and potential award of the project with construction to be done this fall. Chuck Vesay inquired how many courts there would be and if any would be at the Community and Recreation Center. NOTE: It was later confirmed that two courts would be constructed, one at Friendship Park and the other at the Community and Recreation Center.

- c. **Topics of Interest Research** – Chuck Vesay suggested that each committee member come to the next meeting with one topic of interest they would like to research for information to be provided to the senior population. Joy Zwicker said that she had investigated Veterans Benefits and received information from the Montgomery County Veterans Affairs office. She presented six pamphlets and a Sourcebook for Retirement Living. She planned to have about 200 available for the Autumn Festival table. Joy also suggested that the Village of Neshaminy Falls have a meeting of residents that the Senior Committee could attend to share information. Joyce Malagari stated that she does put pamphlets in the clubhouse at Neshaminy Falls and checks on the quantities to replenish from time to time. There are also bulletin boards near the mailboxes throughout the community where information can be posted. A discussion was held about many seniors who are not interested in or are unable to leave their homes. The monthly residential meetings are not always well attended.

7. **Discussion Items:** No new discussion items.

8. **Adjournment:** There was no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:05 p.m. was made by Jess Jastrzembki and seconded by Bud Reick. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Rivas, Staff Liaison

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at Noon