

**Montgomery Township
Senior Committee Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2023**

Location: Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center

Members Present: Charles Vesay, Bud Reick, Don Riley, Joyce Malageri
Staff Liaison Deborah Rivas

Public Guests: Community & Recreation Center Program Director Angelina Cappozzi

Reorganization Meeting:

1. **Call to Order: The Reorganization meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bud Reick at 12:12 p.m.**
2. **Nominations for Chair:** Chuck Vesay nominated Don Riley to serve as Chair for 2023, Joyce Malageri seconded the nomination, and Don Riley was elected unanimously to serve as Chair.
3. **Nominations for Vice-Chair:** Bud Reick nominated Chuck Vesay to serve as Vice-Chair for 2023, Don Riley seconded the nomination, and Chuck Vesay was elected unanimously to serve as Vice-Chair.

Regular Meeting:

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of the Minutes for November 16, 2022** –A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Joyce Malageri and seconded by Bud Reick. The motion passed unanimously.
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Mailing Update** –Chuck Vesay reminded the members that it is important that people know about the Committee and how to find it on the website, etc., which is why they want to work on getting a letter mailed to all seniors in the Township. With a new State Representative in office, it may take longer for the mailing to happen, but Audrey Ware said she would reach out to the new State Representative Melissa Cerrato for her assistance.
 - b. **Website** –Joy Zwicker was helpful with signing up residents for the Township’s electronic newsletter at the Autumn Festival. Deb Rivas provided an update on the Township’s updated website and how the Senior Committee’s website page will be set up on the Township’s website. The committee is encouraged to generate information to post on the website and share on social media.
 - c. **Breakfast with Santa Recap** – The members shared their experiences volunteering for the Breakfast with Santa event with Angelina Cappozzi. Everyone had a great time and thought

the event was well run and enjoyed by all who attended. There were several suggestions for things that could be improved for next year. Joyce Malageri said that she was very concerned about food waste as there was much leftover food that was thrown away. Angelina Cappozzi explained that they ordered less food, but the caterer usually provides extra. In addition, they do not want to run out of food as this is an event that people have paid to attend. Next year, she will consider that children do not eat very much. Several suggestions were made, such as having containers available to take extra food home after the event.

6. New Business:

- a. Montco Senior Games** – The Senior Games will be held this year from May 1st to 5th. Registration opens on February 6, 2023, and online registration is at www.montcoseniorgames.com. Members inquired if the Community Center would be hosting the Corn Hole event this year and Angelina Cappozzi was not aware if it had been scheduled. She offered to make a poster for the members to distribute to the Village of Neshaminy Falls residents to make them aware of the event.
 - b. Other Community Events** – Chuck Vesay presented a flyer for the Lansdale Community Concert Series that is held at the North Penn High School Auditorium. The concerts are geared towards seniors and are at a minimal cost.
 - c. Township Projects** – Members inquired about the upcoming Bocce Ball Courts and how those would be administered. Would residents need to make reservations and bring their own equipment? Angelina was not sure how the new courts would be handled at this time. The new dog park was discussed, and members asked about the old park. Deb Rivas updated the members on a discussion held at the Board of Supervisors meeting when they approved an authorization to bid on the project, the Board agreed to build the new park, and then the old park would be discontinued.
7. **Discussion Items:** Chuck Vesay emphasized that the committee needs to create the letter that they want to send out to the senior residents now, rather than later, as we want to be ready to go when it can be mailed out. In addition, Chuck reminded the members that there is a vacancy on the committee and they should begin recruiting for a new member.
8. **Adjournment:** There was no further business and a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. was made by Don Riley and seconded by Joyce Malageri. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Rivas, Staff Liaison

Next meeting: *Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at Noon*