

**MINUTES
SENIORS COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
SEPTEMBER 5, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission was called to order by Chairperson Jeanette Remsen at 7:05pm in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex. Notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson Jeanette Remsen led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Rosemarie Buriak (arrived 7:10pm), Mary Chiodo, Lillian Hendrickson, Mel O'Connell, Jeanette Remsen, Helen Venable, Cncl. Rich DiLucia

Excused: Veronica Kwasniewski, Nancy Lorraine

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mel O'Connell made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Seniors Commission Meeting of June 6, 2013. The motion was seconded by Helen Venable and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance; abstain by Cncl. Rich DiLucia, who was not in attendance of the June meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Chairperson Jeanette Remsen had given the members packets of trip advertisements. The packet included all information she had received since June and asked that the members review it all. Some information included was for Mount Airy, though some people might think it's too far, but there may be something that could be worth seeing, and also The American Treasure Tour and Rail Trip.

Jeanette said that 49 people joined the August trip, with 15 of who had never joined any of the Seniors Commission trips before. There have been 157 different seniors who have attended the January to August trips.

Jeanette spoke in reference to the 2014 Seniors Commission budget. No information has been received on it, but it may be staying the same as the 2013 budget.

Jeanette mentioned that a trip was not taken this year to the Grand Theater. Due to the size of the township bus, having to take it because of the close location of the theater and Villa Deli to eat at, it would not have been feasible. Rosemarie Buriak noted that there is a coupon on Geets Diner's placemats for \$1.00 off a ticket for a show at the Grand Theater.

Jeanette said that the price of the casino trips is based on the attendance of 40 people. The price of the trips with Safety Tours is based on the attendance of 46 people. Marnie with Safety Tours hasn't charged for the seats that weren't filled under 46, but they do get charged for the casino trips and 3 seats had to be paid for last time; this can't be done again, there are no more monies available to cover. Jeanette will

speak with Emma in reference to this matter on whether or not they can bypass this charge if they don't get 40 people. Jeanette mentioned that the trips are for Seniors aged 55 and older; she is wondering if they change the age to include others under 55, if they would have more people to join the trips. Mel O'Connell pointed out that those who are 50, may not be retired and still working, so they won't be able to go on the trips during the day. Jeanette said that if there is someone under 55 who would like to join the trip, and there is room available after all Seniors have purchased a seat/ticket, she will consider them, instead of turning people away due to age and not having enough people for the trips/having to pay for empty seats. The Commission has been using the 46-passenger bus, but if they start not being able to fill it, they can go with the 40-passenger bus.

There are 3 members whose membership terms expire 12/31/13: Nancy Lorraine, Mel O'Connell and Jeanette Remsen.

The August trip was discussed at length. There was confusion with the bus company in reference to bus drivers, so a new bus driver was used for the trip. Concerns were expressed by the members on those who had gotten off the bus first and where people sat at tables.

There are 29 people attending the September trip (T-Fox at Resorts Casino) so far. Mel suggested that if Jeanette needs any help, such as calling people in reference to trip date/time changes, to have members help. Jeanette asked if she should advertise the October trip (The Duprees at the Trump Taj Mahal) at this time, while the September trip is still out; Rosemarie suggested it should be advertised, in case anyone needs time to save the \$59.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Jeanette Remsen made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Seniors Commission Meeting of September 5, 2013. The motion was seconded by Rosemarie Buriak; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Wojciechowski, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting is Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Seniors Commission Meeting of September 5, 2013 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
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