

**MINUTES
SENIORS COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
MAY 8, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER

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. Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Marita Dinnini, Rachel Jezior, Virginia (Ginny) Kramer, Jeanette Remsen, Corine Stark

Absent: Cncl. Marvin Dilks

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marita Dinnini made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Seniors Commission Meeting of April 5, 2018. The motion was seconded by Ginny Kramer and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance; abstain by Corine Stark, who was not in attendance at the April meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Chairperson Jeanette Remsen told the Commission members she is upset about the Commission, there are three member vacancies, and she is going to do her best to have these vacancies filled, because she feels the Commission needs more help and cooperation. Jeanette informed the members that Corrine Stark checked places for permission to post trip flyers. Corrine said we have permission from ShopRite to post flyers. Jeanette does not think it is a good idea, because a person who is not a resident of Monroe Township may inquire about the trips. Ginny Kramer asked if the flyer can note the trips are for Williamstown residents only. Jeanette read aloud the notice printed on the bottom of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission trip flyers. It does not have a statement about Monroe Township residents only; it used to, but was removed, Jeanette said, because the Commission needs people for the trips. She spoke about a trip that \$350 had to be paid to cover the costs, because they were short in people attending the trip. Jeanette explained the residency requirement was removed from the flyer, because she does not care where a person lives; she will accept them, because she needs them for a trip.

Jeanette asked Marita Dinnini, Rachel Jezior and Ginny Kramer if they made phone calls for the June trip. Marita Dinnini said no, because it is a robo-call. Jeanette said it is wrong on the robo-call. She said she asked the members two or three months ago to take their phone books and call residents of Holiday City. Marita said she does not have time to do that and has other things to do, which Jeanette said she does also. Jeanette said some people do not have the robo-call, they have opted out of the call system. Corinne confirmed with the members that the robo-call is strictly for Holiday City. Jeanette said, to date, they

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need to come up with \$1,052 for the June/Phillies trip, so the Commission is going to have to cancel some trips. So far, Jeanette has 26 people and needs 46 people for the trip. She said she did not want to do this trip since the beginning. Ginny asked what happened to the money from the last two trips that were canceled, asking if there was any money left from those cancelations. Jeanette replied that has nothing to do with the trips that were canceled, because she did not take any money from the bus account. She said taking \$1,052 would take a chunk out of her bus account. This trip is non-refundable. Corine asked if they should put the trip flier up in ShopRite to see if they can get any interest. She and Jeanette are concerned about the seniors sitting outside in the hot weather, the walk from the bus drop-off to the stadium and climbing the stairs to their seats to watch the baseball game.

Jeanette reviewed the list of upcoming Commission trips. June 20th is the Phillies Game. July 20th is Tomasello Winery for breakfast. August 15th is Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. September 18th is Sight and Sound. October 25th is Dutch Apple for 'Sister Act'. November 18th is American Music Theater for the Christmas show. August 20th is the Blood Drive. She asked if any members brought ideas for trips for 2019.

Jeanette asked the members which trips they should cancel to make up for monies needed for the Phillies trip. Ginny suggested the trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, because she cannot attend it. Rachel mentioned there is no trip booked for December. Jeanette asked if she did not want to book a trip for December. Ginny asked Jeanette, if a trip is canceled, how much it gives the Commission to use. Jeanette said it would give \$675 to use. Corrine asked Jeanette if we do not have a trip in December, can it be used for the money needed for the Phillies trip. Jeanette said she does not agree with not having a trip in December. Ginny asked if a motion needed to be made for canceling the trip in August. Jeanette said no, that it is up to her to decide. Corrine heard the new casinos are not doing bus trips at this time. The members discussed allowing/not allowing children/teenagers on the Seniors' Phillies trip. Corrine Stark made a motion to allow adults 18 years of age and older to attend the Seniors' Phillies trip due to the lack of attendance to fill and pay for the bus. The motion was seconded by Marita Dinnini; all in favor.

Jeanette said checks for payment of trips will not be accepted by mail. If she receives any, she will "return to sender". She also will not accept checks at the Seniors Commission meetings, so that they are not in her possession outside of the office.

Jeanette asked the members if they should cancel the trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for August 15th. Ginny Kramer made a motion to cancel the August trip. The motion was seconded by Corrine Stark; all in favor. Jeanette asked if they should book something else in its place. Ginny, said no, because the money is needed for the Phillies trip. Jeanette said no, it is being canceled, because it probably will not get filled with enough interested people. Ginny suggested planning all of the 2019's trips in January. Jeanette said that cannot happen because she will not have all of the trips choices/advertisements available in January for the year. The members discussed seeing "Under the Street Lamp" at Caesars Casino on December 11th.

Jeanette said there is more money in the Commission's budget this year. She explained that when there is extra money to spend, she pays more money for the bus, so that the cost of the trip for each person who attends is less.

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The members discussed advertising for the Sight & Sound trip. They discussed trips they may take in January and February, such as possibly Tomasello Winery in January and the culinary in February. They discussed possibly advertising trips two or three months ahead of time.

Corrine provided the members a list of housing developments in the Township. It indicated areas she has been to for posting trip fliers. She asked if members could visit the remaining developments to see if they have a club house or sales office to post the trip fliers.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson Jeanette Remsen asked for a motion to adjourn. Ginny Kramer made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Seniors Commission Meeting of May 8, 2018. The motion was seconded by Corine Stark; all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Aileen Chiselko, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting is Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Regular Seniors Commission Meeting of May 8, 2018 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
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