

**MINUTES
SENIORS COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
JANUARY 16, 2020**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission was called to order by 2019 Secretary Jennifer Ballard at 7:00pm 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.

2019 Secretary Jennifer Ballard led the Commission in the salute to our flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Patricia Adams, Theresa Dinardo, Marita Dinnini, Cncl. Katherine Falcone, Jeanette Remsen, James Wolfe

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

As 2019 Secretary of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission, Jennifer Ballard conducted nominations and elections. Patty Adams nominated James Wolfe as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by Theresa Dinardo. Marita Dinnini nominated Jeanette Remsen as Chairperson. The motion was seconded by James Wolfe. After a roll call vote, James Wolfe is the Chairperson of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission for 2020.

James Wolfe nominated Patty Adams as Vice-Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Theresa Dinardo and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Commission. Patty Adams is the Vice-Chairperson of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission for 2020.

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James showed his appreciation towards Jeanette and all she has done for the Seniors Commission. In 2018, 174 people went on trips hosted by the Commission and in 2019 that number increased to 203 people. One thing Jim is interested in doing is traveling to the senior communities in town and trying to get people interested in the Commission and hear their thoughts on trips and activities that they would like to participate in.

Last year Brandee toured the Glassboro Seniors Center and learned that the Seniors went on a trip to Italy for five days. Hosting an overnight trip is something that the Commission would be interested in looking into.

Katherine spoke about the three things that the Senior Commission should be doing: senior trips, recreational activities, senior service programs. The Seniors Commission falls under the community affairs umbrella, which is directed by Brandee. Katherine is interested in scheduling trips around holidays instead of every month. She is looking for ideas on how to make money and host events that benefit the seniors. The main goal is to expand and benefit the senior community.

The Pfeiffer Center hosts holiday parties for the seniors. Brandee would like to expand on the parties and have catered food. She would also like to host a Senior Prom. Events like this cost money and hosting events to raise money would really offset the cost. The Pfeiffer Center also offers crafts, games and bingo for the seniors, which are scheduled around the lunch that the County hosts, at a cost of \$1.25. One event

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that has really been successful for Brandee is her day trip to the movies. For \$20 a senior resident can go to lunch and the movies, with transportation provided by a Township bus.

There is a non-profit in town that hosts a blood drive, which the Commission could co-host. By joining efforts, both groups would see a larger turnout.

The trip to the Culinary Arts has not been scheduled because classes just started so the students will not be ready by February 14th to host a dinner. Other dates that are available are April 2nd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th. The commission decided to try and book April 2nd.

The March trip to see Esther and have lunch at Good 'n Plenty is still scheduled for March 18th.

One goal for this year is to involve the Seniors Commission in recreational activities. The Commission could set up a table at the Arts Festival in September to advertise and create participation in events. Also the scarecrow event on Main Street could always use more scarecrows.

Attendance at meetings is required. Any member who falls below 70% attendance after a six-month period, will receive a letter asking for their intentions with the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson James Wolfe asked for a motion to adjourn. Theresa Dinardo made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Seniors Commission Reorganization Meeting of January 16, 2020. The motion was seconded by Patricia Adams and unanimously all in favor by all members of the Commission. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Ballard, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting is Thursday, February 6, 2020 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Reorganization Seniors Commission Meeting of January 16, 2020 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ Date _____
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