

**MINUTES
SENIORS COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission was called to order by Chairperson James Wolfe at 7:00pm in the Pfeiffer Community Center. Adequate notice of this meeting was given as required by the annual notice of meetings.

Chairperson, James Wolfe led the Commission in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Patricia Adams, Angela Broderick, Corine Stark, James Wolfe

Absent: Donna Curtin and Cncl. Katherine Falcone

Guest: Brandee Derieux and Judith Lumanog

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Angela Broderick made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Seniors Commission Meeting of October 7, 2021. The motion was seconded by Corine Stark and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Jim advised that he and Brandee called and scheduled the trip to the Crab Trap and Resorts Casino on November 15th, which is already full and the trip to Tomasello Winery and Resorts Casino on December 15th, which has nine spots left. Angela asked, in the future that all of the members be made aware of the trips, once they are confirmed, prior to the flyers being distributed to the public and posted online, as she received a lot of phone calls with questions regarding the trips when she was not aware the trips had been finalized. Brandee explained why the trips were scheduled and flyers were posted and distributed to the public when they were. Jim spoke regarding the prices of the trips and how the Commission was able to offer such a good deal to the residents. Brandee spoke in reference to the Senior Commission 2021 budget of \$2,000.00 and the refund the Department of Community Affairs had received from Safety Tours in the amount of \$1,600.00, which she applied towards the costs of the trips. She stated, she will be meeting with the CFO in December to go over next year's budget, where she will be requesting the Commission receive their full budget of \$9,000.00 back and once she finds out what next year's budget will be, she will report back to the Commission.

Jim shared the information packets of the 2022 trips from Safety Tours with the Commission. Brandee stated, the discount for each trip will depend on the cost of each scheduled trip, noting that she and the Commission want to keep the trips affordable. Jim talked about some of the trips having two buses and how the money would be split between the buses to still be able to offer a discount to the seniors. Jim spoke regarding the different bus companies that offer trips, noting after doing some research, he found that Safety Tours is the best company to deal with. Regarding trips for 2022, Jim suggested looking into going back to the Culinary Arts for Valentines Day and using the Township buses for that trip. He shared the Culinary Arts new price list with the Commission. He talked about how in the past, when the Commission would schedule the trip to the Culinary Arts, they would charge a few extra dollars so that they could make-a-donation to the school. Angela volunteered to call the Culinary Arts to find out their availability for February. Corine volunteered to call for pricing and available dates for Sight and Sound for a possible trip in the spring. She asked the members present if they had a preference on which restaurant to use when she calls for pricing on Sight and Sound. Jim suggested confirming the COVID policies when calling to schedule the future trips.

A discussion followed regarding the possibility of being able to offer additional buses for some of the trips, the ability to offer a discounted rate for multiple buses and how trips were scheduled and run in the past. Angela suggested with all future trips, that the flyers be distributed to the senior communities prior to the flyers being posted online, to give those residents who do not have a computer a chance to participate with the trips. Jim noted, he would like to see as trips are scheduled, that the group leader position rotate through the members of the Commission so that everyone can benefit. A discussion followed regarding the responsibilities of the “group leader”.

Brandee advised, the Department of Community Affairs will be hosting a Holiday Craft Bizarre on December 18th from 9:00am to 5:00pm at the Pfeiffer Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairperson James Wolfe asked for a motion to adjourn. Patricia Adams made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Seniors Commission Meeting of November 4, 2021. The motion was seconded by Angela Broderick and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harbison, Acting Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting is Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 7:00pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Seniors Commission Meeting of November 4, 2021 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

Approved as submitted _____ **Date** _____
Approved as corrected _____ **Date** _____