

MINUTES
SENIORS COMMISSION
TOWNSHIP OF MONROE
April 4, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Monroe Township Seniors Commission was called to order by Chairperson Corine Stark at 5:23pm 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.

Chairperson, Corine Stark led the Commission in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Patricia Adams, Judith Lumanog, Meryl Murtha, James O'Toole, Mary O'Toole, Patricia Adams, Florence Schauer, Corine Stark and Cncl. Carolann Fox

Absent: MaryAnn Nunes

Guest: Brandee Derieux and Jim Dehart

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meryl made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted of the Seniors Commission meeting of March 7, 2024. The motion was seconded by Floss Schauer and approved by all members of the Commission in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Corine announced the resignation of MaryAnn Nunes and read her letter resigning to the members.

- Floss made a motion to accept MaryAnn's resignation. Judy seconded the motion with all members in favor
- Patty asked if we had to wait to fill vacancy and Business Administrator, Jim Dehart, assured the members that the commission can fill once we receive candidates' applications.
- Meryl stated that she will be going to Florida for the winter months and asked if it would affect her attendance. Corine advised she would look into this and let Meryl know.

Brandee Derieux attended the meeting to explain in regards to trips, we have just one person as lead for each trip. Whomever is lead will need to meet with her to calculate monies and numbers and solidify each trip. All monies shall be collected and given to Community Affairs after each ticket sales date. No money should be taken home with lead. Corine added she needs to be informed on how many tickets were sold and how much money was collected after each sale. Corine also explained that Brandee will be the contact for any changes that need to be made such as names and number of attendees.

Meryl asked Brandee to clarify the comment on 1 leader per trip. Brandee responded explaining that it makes things a lot easier due to freebies the lead gets as well as things such as sales can be more uniformed and organized which makes things run a lot smoother.

Corine asked the members if anyone had any questions for Brandee Derieux or Jim Dehart. Floss asked if the Township was legally responsible if residents drive themselves to a commission trip and get into an accident. Brandee explained that if the resident was driving their own vehicle, their insurance would be responsible not the Township.

Judy added she did not understand why others are collecting trip money during the day after sale times. She stated she is usually at the Pfeiffer Center and being a commission member, she could take the information and payment.

Carolann asked Corine and the other members if Jim Dehart could explain the budget. The budget has been increased to \$10,600.00. Jim stated the amount is for calendar year starting January through December. The beginning of each year the commission would get a portion of their budget and by mid-year the full amount would be allocated. He also explained it is ok to utilize the accounts before mid-year and if you have overages it will come off the total budget.

Corine asked B. A. Dehart if we can use monies from the budget to book a trip for the following year. Jim explained the monies for each fiscal year need to be used within that time frame

Brandee Derieux added the legalities of deposits made in the current year and usage of those funds. She also explained being a government municipality there are rules to follow with profiting money and ways to build trust and donations.

Jim stated that if we make extra money it will help build trust which is to be utilized to help offset the cost of trips and events for our senior citizen residents

Meryl asked that if we could make all flyers in color adding they aesthetically look more appealing than black and white. She asked if was feasible to get a colored printer for this purpose. Brandi Adler explained that the Community Affairs copier is being used for the Seniors Commission flyers and that the commission could use supply budget to help offset the cost of ink if need be. Jim Dehart stated he would look into the cost of the colored ink.

Corine reported on Sight & Sound's Daniel. Stating she di not understand why it did not sell out especially that the price was being offered at a discount rate. Patty asked if it was due to people already seeing it in previous years. Corine and Judy both stated that Sight & Sound has a different performance every year. Corine reiterated that all flyers must be out at least 3 months prior to an event.

Meryl reported that she had a few issues creating the flyers for Paint & Sip scheduled May 10th. Gina Martucci will be the instructor and we will only be selling 25 tickets.

Corine asked the Commission if they wanted to book Tomasello Winery/Resorts Casino trip scheduled for June 10th. The cost would be approximately \$46.00 per resident.

Meryl made a motion to approve and Judy seconded with all members in favor.

Jim asked if we could overfund this trip and charge \$48.00 + \$2.00 for tip.

Patty made a motion to approve changes and Jim seconded with all members in favor.

Corine asked the members if anyone was interested in leading the Tomasello/Resorts trip. No one responded so Corine stated she would take lead.

Meryl reported the Phillies game is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th. The price per resident is \$37.00. The Monroe Twp. Buses will be transporting and Meryl will take lead for this trip

Judy reported Suicide Bridge is going to be either a Wednesday or Thursday in August. It will be approximately \$144.00 per person. It starts off with a boat ride then followed by an all you can eat crab fest located in Maryland. Judy stated she supplied riders with snacks and drinks last year due to it being a long ride.

Meryl made a motion to approve Suicide Bridge trip. Patty seconded the motion with all members in favor. Judy will take lead on this trip.

Corine asked the Commission if they wanted to donate money towards the senior Christmas party again this year, stating \$1500.00 was suggested towards the party. All members agreed

Judy explained to the members to please not divulge information on any trips until final approval and flyers are made. Jim also added to not speak negative in regards to menus and such in front of residents. Corine added that not everyone thinks the same or has the same taste and as a commission we need to be professional and accommodating to our residents.

Carolann asked the commission about the future plans of the Luau. Meryl stated due to a lack of assistance it had been tabled. Corine added that she would reach out to MaryAnn and get the information she had collected and possibly set a date in the future.

GENERAL PUBLIC DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Floss Schauer made a motion to adjourn the Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting of April 4, 2024. The motion was seconded by Mary O’Toole and approved by all members of the Committee in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandi Adler, Secretary

The next scheduled Monroe Township Seniors Commission meeting is Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 5:15pm.

These minutes were prepared from excerpts of the tape-recorded proceedings of the Seniors Commission meeting of April 4, 2024 and serve as only a synopsis of the proceedings.

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