

**Montgomery Township
Senior Committee Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2022**

Location: Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center, Senior Lounge

Members Present: Jess Jastrzembki, Joyce Malagari, Bud Reick, Don Riley, Charles Vesay, Board Liaison Audrey Ware, and Staff Liaison Deborah Rivas

Public Guests: None

- 1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Chuck Vesay at 12:06 p.m.**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Public Comment:** None
- 4. Approval of the Minutes for July 20, 2022** –A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Don Riley and seconded by Bud Reick. The motion passed unanimously.
- 5. New Business:**
 - a. Mailing to Residents** – Audrey Ware updated the members on her recent conversation with Rep. Todd Stephens regarding the mailing to Township seniors. Rep. Stephens will be attending the October meeting of the Senior Committee. Rep. Stephens asked about the contents of the mailing. The Senior Committee proposes introducing themselves, making others aware of their mission and resources available to seniors, and inviting residents to come to a future meeting. It appears that the letter will not be delivered before the Autumn Festival, and a suggestion was made to send it out at the beginning of the year as a new year kick-off.

The subject of Rep. Todd Stephens Senior Expo 2022 was discussed, and members expressed an interest in having a table at the Expo. Deb Rivas applied for the Senior Committee to attend the Senior Expo at the Community Center on September 29, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 - b. Topics of Interest** – Chuck Vesay reminded members that he would like them to come up with a topic of interest for seniors and research it so that the committee can provide up-to-date information. Chuck Vesay will explore information on senior care at home instead of assisted living/nursing homes. Joy Zwicker and Bud Reick have chosen veterans’ needs and programs.
- 6. Old Business:**
 - a. Autumn Festival** – The committee will have a table with electrical access. Various offerings will be provided by the members, as previously discussed.
 - b. Senior Survey Results** –Surveys are still available.

- c. **Park Board** – Chuck Vesay inquired about Jess Jastrzembki’s application to the Park Board. Audrey Ware said she had reached out to Carolyn McCreary, Township Manager. Deb Rivas noted that a new application was not required and that the appointment would be discussed at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on August 22, 2022.

A discussion was held regarding the need for additional pickleball courts in the Township. The members will ask the Park Board to see if there are plans for more courts. An update on the bocce ball courts project was also discussed. It was confirmed that the project was out to bid for two courts, one at the Community Center and the other at Friendship Park. The bids were due on August 31st with the Board of Supervisors consideration for award to be held on September 12th. Chuck Vesay expressed his concerns with the location of the court at Friendship Park being close to the pickleball courts, which have already been vandalized.

7. **Discussion Items:** Audrey Ware mentioned that the Autumn Festival Committee was looking for volunteers to assist during the event on October 15, 2022. Joyce Malagari said that the pamphlets of information that she placed at the Neshaminy Falls clubhouse were still full, and not many had been taken recently. Audrey Ware and Deb Rivas announced they would both be absent from the September meeting.
8. **Adjournment:** There was no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:03 p.m. was made by Bud Reick and seconded by Joyce Malagari. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Deborah Rivas, Staff Liaison

Next meeting: *Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at Noon*