

**Montgomery Township
Senior Committee Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2023**

Location: Montgomery Township Community and Recreation Center

Members Present: Don Riley, Charles Vesay, Bud Reick, Joyce Malageri
Board Liaison Audrey R. Ware, Staff Liaison Deborah Rivas

Public Guest: Barbara Vesay

1. Call to Order 12:07

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment: Barbara Vesay expressed concern about a young man who was soliciting business in Neshaminy Falls where there is a sign at the entrance stating, “No Solicitation”. The young man became arrogant when told that he was not supposed to be soliciting in that development. Mrs. Vesay said she called the Police Communications Center and the dispatcher stated that the solicitor had a permit. It was recommended that the “No Solicitation” sign at the entrances of the Village of Neshaminy Falls be increased in size. Deb Rivas reported that there is a solicitation ordinance that permits residents to post their doors with No Solicitation signage which must be respected by those who are soliciting with a permit from the Police Department.

4. Approval of the Minutes for April 19, 2023 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Joyce Malageri and seconded by Bud Reick. The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Old Business:

- a. Mailing to Senior Residents and Event Tablecloth** – The committee-approved flyer was printed and recently mailed out to senior Township residents. Several members had received it in their mailboxes. The new Senior Committee event tablecloth was displayed for everyone to see.
- b. Senior Committee Vacancy** – With the departure of Barbara Galante, the committee has a vacancy. Chuck Vesay handed out blank volunteer application forms for the members to share with prospective applicants who might want to join the committee.
- c. Updates on Bocce and Pickleball** – Members inquired about the status of the bocce courts as it appeared that no work had been done for a while. Deb Rivas reported that the contractor was expected to complete the project by Memorial Day weekend. There were a few remaining items to complete. The question of how the

courts would be managed as far as equipment and reservations was discussed again, but at this time, there were no definitive plans available for the bocce courts.

6. New Business:

- a. **Senior Committee Website Page Content** – Chuck Vesay suggested that each member get one to three people that they know to help with creating content for the senior website. Network together to determine what seniors want to know about and to inspire seniors to stay active. For example, we could highlight the parks and activities for seniors on the webpage.
- b. **Speaker Programs** – The committee discussed hosting another Medicare program in the Fall since the spring programs were well attended. Another suggestion was a program on fraud awareness for seniors.

Discussion Items:

- a. Chuck Vesay inquired if the Township was still planning to plant a memorial tree in honor of former longtime volunteer and Senior Committee Member Richard Roller. Audrey Ware indicated that she would look into it.
 - b. Chuck Vesay asked about AARP driving classes for seniors as they usually help with discounts on insurance. Chuck said he would check with Floyd Shaffer to see if the center can run an AARP Driving Class for Seniors.
 - c. Audrey Ware mentioned that State Rep. Melissa Cerrato is planning a Senior Day event to be held at either the Community Center or another location in the area. She will share more information once it becomes available.
7. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by Don Riley and seconded by Joyce Malageri to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m.
8. Next Meeting: **June 21, 2023 at 12:00 Noon**