

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE FOR DISABLED CITIZENS
MINUTES
February 14, 2017 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m.

In attendance were committee members: Bill Eliasek, Mark Chereso, Jeff Mytych, Diane Fatouros, Tom Sucher,, Darryl Taylor, Sue Giannone and Director Gerry Bartnicke.

Approval of Minutes: Diane Fatouros made the motion, second by Darryl Taylor, to approve the minutes of the December 2017 Meeting. Minutes were approved as presented.

Liaison's Report - Trustee Jeff Mytych reported that the township board has hired a new Administrator to fill the position previously held by Larry Weniger who will retire in March. Trustee Mytych informed committee members that Eric Johnson, is the new Township Administrator. He described Mr. Johnson as an advocate for townships. in his former position as Supervisor/Administrator for Dekalb Township, Mr. Johnson organized the Metropolitan Township Association.

Chairperson's Report - Sue Giannone reported that they are getting many calls at Congresswoman Duckworth's office concerned with their health coverage due to efforts underway to change/eliminate the Affordable Care Act.

Director's Report - Gerry reported that the budget review meeting will take place an hour prior to the township board monthly meeting. Gerry reviewed proposed increases with Committee members.

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Family Concert - Gerry reported that plans are underway to present a family concert in the Summer. Available bands were reviewed but costs seem prohibitive. Trustee Mytych shared some information on bands he had worked with at Septemberfest that would be affordable. Gerry will pass the information on to the program coordinator who is contacting the bands.

Age Options SHIP grant – Schaumburg Township's senior and disability services depts. received an additional \$1000 to their approved 2016 SHIP grant. Gerry explained that the departments share statistics with Age Options in exchange for the grant.

Change in Township Personnel - Information was covered in the Liaison's Report.

ABLE Accounts Presentation – Gerry gave an overview of the ABLE program, which was the subject of a township presentation by Attorney Brian Rubin and will be the topic of a presentation by Michael W. Frerichs, Illinois State Treasurer. Mr. Frerichs will provide information on the administration of the program at the township in April.

AARP Tax Program – Committee members were asked to share information about the AARP Tax Aide Program that will be available to township residents. This annual program assists seniors and persons with disabilities with low to moderate incomes to prepare and file their taxes free of charge. Gerry stated that senior and disability staff set appointments for the program.

Volunteer Recognition Dinner - Committee members were informed that the dinner will take place on April 23rd at the Seville.

Disability Services Annual Picnic - Committee members were asked to call Lauren Perschon if they are able to volunteer for the picnic on July 15th. Discussion followed.

Database Software Program - Gerry reported that the senior and disability services department have been reviewing options for a new database program to replace the ancient system they are using now. One avenue may be revising the program used by the Senior Transportation Dept. it is hoped that the program will be included in the new township budget for the coming year.

Harper Intern - Gerry Bartnicke has arranged with Harper College to use the services of a student who is pursuing a career that is similar to positions in the Disability and Senior services dept. The intern will provide 125 hours of service working in the depts..

Clearbrook Fundraiser - Gerry shared information on 2 fundraisers sponsored by Clearbrook, an agency that is funded by the township. There is a wine tasting and dinner on March 11th and the PAL fundraiser is on March 19th at Maggiano's in Schaumburg.

Tom Sucher made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., second by Diane Fatouros. Motion was approved, Meeting was adjourned.