

**Schaumburg Township**  
**Committee for Persons with Disabilities**  
**Meeting Minutes**

*Tuesday, September 10, 2019*

- I. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.
- II. Roll Call (the following were in attendance):  
Trustee Liaison Diane Dunham  
State Representative Michelle Mussman  
Coral Cerny  
Mark Chereso  
Micki Coppel  
Bill Eliasek  
Carleen Emde  
Eva Feng  
Andrew Miller  
Darrell Taylor  
Megan Conway
- III. Approval of Minutes  
Motion by Darrell; Second by Bill. Motion carried.
- IV. Special Presentation: State Representative Michelle Mussman  
State Representative Michelle Mussman who serves the 56<sup>th</sup> District in the State of Illinois House of Representatives which serves all or parts of Schaumburg, Elk Grove Village, Roselle, Hoffman Estates, Hanover Park, Rolling Meadows, and Bloomingdale. She shared general information about the status of Disability Services in Springfield as well as legislative updates. A large part of the conversation stemmed on issues of transportation and housing.
- V. Reports
- A. Chairperson's Report  
Chairperson Coppel shared information about voter registration drives and an organization called Rev Up which will host a presidential forum on January 13 focused on issues related to persons with disabilities. She also informed the committee that Department of Developmental Disabilities in Illinois appointed Alice Stark as the new Director. She also shared that there was a change with Medicaid and how prescriptions are paid. There was a change on the federal level and the State of Illinois is now catching up. Medicaid will pay only prescriptions signed by a Medicaid approved doctor. It is too soon to determine how this is affecting residents.
- B. Trustee Liaison's Report  
No report. Trustee Dunham expressed excitement to work with Disability Services Committee this year.
- C. Director's Report  
Written report on file. Director Conway reminded committee that the Township collects the following items for organizations
- Eyeglasses and hearing aides for Lions Club
  - Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities
  - Small electronics for Avenues for Independence
  - Greeting cards (new and used) and calendars for Connect to Community
- Director Conway also informed Committee that she attended the Hanover Park Cultural and Inclusion Committee meeting on August 27. She will also be out of the office the next week for a conference with

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7:00 PM  
At the Township of Schaumburg – 1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL, 60169

the Illinois Department on Aging. Disability Services is also planning to schedule a voter registration drive in 2020 to promote voter registration for persons with disabilities.

VI. Old Business

- A. Abilities Expo recap and THANK YOU!!  
A huge thank you to all volunteers and staff who attended the Abilities Expo in June. We connected with over three hundred people during the expo.
- B. Recap of Summer Picnic  
Staff received positive feedback from event. There were 125 attendees from 42 families. Volunteer Diane Fatouros commented on the high response of registrations; staff completed reminder calls this year which helped with turnout.
- C. Recap of Septemberfest Carnival Rides  
Almost 500 people registered and 340 people attended this event. We advised the Septemberfest Committee that a new banner should be ordered for next year to more accurately reflect the event. We will also likely change the registration process to alleviate confusion and streamline process due to numerous concerns with Eventbrite website.
- D. Call for Art!  
The Call for Art deadline was extended through September 30. We think this will encourage students from local schools to submit a piece. Four items have been submitted so far.
- E. Funded Agency Reports  
Director Conway reminded Committee that agencies are requested to submit monthly reports to reflect their activities. Due to time, this information will be shared in greater detail in October. Center for Enriched Living sent information that they will not extend their lease at the Hoffman Estates location. All participants will be served at the River Woods location including transportation. They are looking to find a more permanent location for the program.

VII. New Business

- A. Halloween Dance: Friday, October 25  
Disability Services will be hosting a Halloween Dance for adults with disabilities on Friday, October 25, including refreshments and dancing. Thirteen people are registered already.
- B. Senior and Adult with Disabilities Holiday Party: Thursday, December 12  
No additional information at this time; save the date.
- C. Kids Holiday Party: Saturday, December 14  
Event will be from 12 PM – 2 PM. No other information at this time; save the date.
- D. Deaf Services Facebook and enhanced PR  
Disability Services is pleased to share that we will launch a facebook page geared toward Deaf Services specifically intended to engage participants of our Deaf Services as well as share information with interested parties. More details to come.
- E. Funded Agency Application  
As a reminder, the funded agency process will start soon. Draft documents will be shared in advance of October's meeting. Committee members are requested to review and provide feedback.

VIII. Adjournment

Motion by Bill; Second by Mark. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.