

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE FOR DISABLED CITIZENS
MINUTES
APRIL 11, 2017 MEETING

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

In attendance were: Diane Fatouros, Micki Coppel, Darryl Taylor, Bill Eliasek and Tom Sucher, Mark Chereso, Gerry Bartnicke and Fred Stupen, Executive Director, Resources for Community Living.

Approval of Minutes: Bill Eliasek made the motion, second by Tom Sucher to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting. Minutes were approved.

Liaison's Report: No report

Chairman's Report: Report covered in agenda items.

Gerry Bartnicke introduced Mr. Stupen who gave an overview of the Financial Independent Center grant that Resources for Community Living received to provide financial counseling. The program provides coaches trained in financial programs who meet the client, perform a financial assessment including income and expense, net worth, a credit report and assets. The coaches do not advise purchases or investment but instead provide information on ways to improve credit, save money and become financially responsible. The coaches provide information on programs such as the ABLE accounts, bank savings accounts as well as federal grants that could match the client's savings.

Clients go through financial literacy classes, usually 7 or 8 sessions. Classes are scheduled for an hour and a half. Clients are reassessed in six months to see if credit scores have improved and/or savings dollars have increased.

Committee members asked questions and agreed that the program is needed.

OLD BUSINESS

LIHEAP Program – Gerry Bartnicke reported that the program will continue through May 31st.

Annual Town Meeting – The April 18th meeting was informative but uneventful.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon - Members were reminded to RSVP if they haven't already.

Secretary of State Mobil Unit – June 2nd

Low Vision Fair – June 14th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Committee members were asked to help advertise the Fair that provides attendees the chance to try products before purchasing.

Abilities Expo – June 23-24, Committee members were asked to contact Lauren Perschon if they were able to volunteer their time.

Family Concert – July 14, Gerry Bartnicke explained that the concert is a way to use the picnic tent for an extra day. A band has been secured and the concert will be free to Schaumburg Township residents.

Annual Disability Services picnic - Plans for the picnic were discussed including the theme "At the Beach".

NEW BUSINESS

CUB Event – May 24th, 10 – noon. Gerry reported that representatives from the Citizens Utility Board will be at the township to provide information to township residents on how to save money on utilities and their phone bills.

PUNS Sign Up – April 17th - Most of the 26 families signed up for the sign-up were able to enroll their child on the PUNS list for services.

Cable filming – the local channel Schaumburg Heartbeat will air a program on the amplified telephone program presented by Lauren Perschon.

Mental Health Fair - May 2nd - The Mental Health Committee will be providing vendors and speakers who are associated with mental health Programs and support.

Tom Sucher made the motion, second by Bill Eliasek to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Next meeting will be May 9, 2017 at 6:45 p.m.