

MINUTES

Toms River Mayor's Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities

March 28, 2018 | 6:40 pm Leigh Smpson

In Attendance

Carolyn Romond, Leigh Simpson, Denise Gaetano, Jane Tallmann, Diane Rose, Special Guest Jared Tate of the Toms River Parks and Receration Department, Teri Kubiel of Community Medical Center.

Not in Attendance

Veronica Maier, Chair, Judyth Brown, Daniel Kelly, Gary Weitzen, Paul Perillo.

Welcoming new members

New member Denise Gaetano handed in her member application, and new member from 21 Plus, Diane Rose was welcomed and given a blank application to be filled out.

Meeting with Mayor

Leigh stated he had a meeting with Mayor Kelaher and Public Information Officer Stacy Proebstle with Teri Kubiel also being in attendance. During the meeting Leigh explained the current reorganization of the committee and went over the next meetings agenda. After being asked about the committee's role in suggesting ordinances and policies, it was stated to go through the towns planning board. When asked how the committee would go about updating the committee's website page, Stacy stated to go through her and the Mayor's office to suggest any changes and updates. When bringing up applying for a grant so the committee can have a yearly budget, it was said that would just take some time. When the idea of paying for merchandise was brought, Teri mentioned the committee could try and get one of the multiple organizations being represented at the committee to sponsor the production of such items. Stacy stated she will post the new committee informational flyer around and have press releases for things related to the committee. Lastly the schedule for the committee meetings for the rest of the year was resubmitted and confirmed.

Ordinance and Bylaws

Along with the packet, each attendee was given a copy of the committee's ordinance and bylaws. We are also going to table voting on a new secretary and vice chair until we can hold a quorum. Each organization mentioned in the ordinance as to be represented at meetings was reached out to. All but the 'Arc of Ocean County and the Ocean County Health Department reached back to the committee. During the meeting with the mayor Stacy stated she will reach out to someone from the Health Department and Leigh reached out to a contact from the New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project, a program of the Arc, to help find a representative from the Arc's Ocean County chapter. Diane Rose from 21 Plus joined the committee as a representative, Teri Kubiel from CMC will recommend an individual to be represented, the Epilepsy Foundation will soon be sending a representative, and through the NJSAP, self-advocates are being reached out to to join the committee. LADACIN is also trying to send a representative.

Committee Website Page and Social Media Pages

Stacy Proebstle will soon be contacted in regards to getting the committee's webpage updated. She will be sent the updated roster, agendas, meeting minutes, social media links and promotional flyers. A new facebook page was created for the committee, with the URL being Facebook.com/TRDisabilityCommittee A Youtube page was also created through the committee's gmail account, the URL will soon be Youtube.com/user/TRMACDD.

Upcoming Events

Leigh will be attending the New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project's annual Luncheon on April 7th representing his company NJID and the committee. The committee has reserved a table for the upcoming 'Autism Resources Fair' on April 19th, hosted by the Ocean County Library's Jackson Branch. So far Leigh is the only member to represent the committee at the event. We will be sharing or informational flyer and ID Campaign flyer at the event, along with brochure's of each organization that is represented at the committee. Next the Toms River Field of Dreams organization expressed interest in sharing a table at the upcoming Toms River Food Festival on May 5^h headed by our guest Jared Tate. After some brain storming the committee decided it will be holding a raffle at the event, Teri will provide the basket to be won and Carolyn will provide the raffle tickets. It was stated our Chair Veronica Maier has a banner with the committee's name on it so that will try to be retrieved before the fair on April 19th, otherwise a new one will be made. A subcommittee was made for the Food Festival, with the members as of right now being Leigh and Denise. We tried brainstorming on events the committee can hold, Jared let the committee know of their summer program 'Camp Discovery' and we tried to brainstorm special events that the committee could host. We brainstormed possible speakers that could come in to discuss 'hot topics' and Diane brought up the idea of having a Support Coordinator organization to speak in regards to the transition in to fee for service, with any event likely being held in place of a future meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next Meeting

6:30 pm, Toms River Town Hall in Leonard G. Lomell Meeting Room.