

MINUTES

Toms River Mayor's Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities

May 25, 2022 | 6:30 pm | Via GoTo | Meeting called to order at 6:39 pm by Leigh Simpson

In Attendance

Leigh Simpson, Wendi Smolowitz, Adam Silversmith, Christine Matus, James Barberi, Jane Tallman, Daniel Ribet, Martha Cray, Judy Strollo

Not in Attendance

Veronica Maier, Alice Belanger, Gary Weitzen, Paul Perillo, Patty High Megan Miller, Chelsea Martin, Samir Popal, Elisa Velazquez, Theresa Sullivan, Laurie Huryk, Jessica Krill, Diane Hutton-Rose, Tracy Fournier

Guest(s)

Alyssa Biardi, Navigation Support Coordination

Agenda Items

Old Business

- Review and approve last meetings minutes
 - Martha asked to have the minutes read in its entirety. Minutes were read and approved.
- Summary of Meeting with Mayor Hill on May 9th - Leigh had the first quarterly meeting with Mayor Hill to discuss several topics.
 - Mobile Sensory Trailer - Tracey and Leigh visited the trailer on May 4th when it arrived.
 - Ribbon cutting is scheduled tentatively for June 17th after 2pm. Official invitations will be sent out once a time is confirmed.
 - Acquiring Plaques - Leigh will be meeting Kitt, the mayor's assistant, at bay traders on June 10th to look at plaques to be placed on the trailer for special donors.
 - For events on Washington StThe trailer will be kept in the parallel parking zone between town hall and the parking garage.
 - OCC Disabilities Program - Leigh brought up the disabilities program the committee had at one time been trying to start but got halted due to the pandemic. Mayor Hill gave the name of a contact from the college.
- Ocean County CIACC 5/26 - Leigh will be attending the full CIACC meeting.
- Self-Advocates Joining Committee - Leigh attended a self-advocacy meeting on June 10th as a special guest speaker to inform the group of the trailer and several other resources. 4 self-advocates expressed interest in joining the committee.
- Toms River Field of Dreams Opening April 30 - Leigh and Chelsea attended the grand opening. The park does not yet have a confirmed hours of operation to be open to the public due to the bathrooms and

several other sections still needing work. Although there are a lot of planned events coming up at the park.

- LGBTQ+ WAE - Leigh attended the last meeting on 5/17 as a guest. Leigh will attend the next meeting to see if any self-advocates would be interested in joining the committee.

New Business

- June Events - Leigh asked if anyone has any events to be added to the June events flyers to reach out.
- NJRPA for Trailer - Adam requested the acquisition of the Sensory Activation Vehicle (mobile trailer) be considered for a nomination for outstanding award recognition offered to residents.
- Sizing ramp for trailer with Craig Ambrosio 6/7 - Leigh and Tracey will be meeting with the ADA committee liaison to see what kind of ramp would be best for the trailer.
- Billy Crays Law bill "Choice of Cameras" " A 2483 and S 1897 - Martha Cray discussed, in detail of getting the two laws passed and there will be a story about it on News 12 this upcoming Friday
- Apraxia Awareness - was just proclaimed at the most recent town council meeting. The process started when a family reached out to the developmental disabilities committee. Leigh attended the council meeting to connect with the family.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 pm by Leigh Simpson

Next Meeting

June 29, 2022, 6:30pm in the LMH Room and Virtual.