

West Deptford Township Committee on the Disabled

RiverWinds Community Center,

1000 RiverWinds Drive, West Deptford, NJ

17, April 2018

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Colleen Cairns at RiverWinds Community Center at 6pm.

Adequate Notice Statement:

The following statement was read by Lori Wadding, Adequate notice of this meeting has been given by notifying the South Jersey Times and the Courier Post, posting the meeting dates on the official bulletin board of the township and filing written notice with the Township Clerk on January 4, 2018.

Roll Call:

In attendance- Colleen Cairns, Robert Driscoll, Bob Jonas, Jack Magee, Laurie Newcomb, Lori Wadding and Committeeman Jim Robinson.

Flag Salute:

Members stood for the Flag Salute.

New Business:

Colleen Cairns brought up the discussion of the West Deptford High School scholarships where the committee gives two \$500 scholarships. One to a student with an IEP, who has overcome difficulties and one to a student who is going into the special education/helping field. This motion was made by Jack Magee and seconded by Bob Jonas. Approved by entire committee with exception of Colleen Cairns who abstained from the vote. This is also pending approval of committee funding.

Also pending due to funding approval is Paws for People. A service where dogs go into special education classrooms and provide pet therapy to the students. GreenFields Elementary school is the only school that had the service in the past, maybe other schools could be included. The price of this service is \$125 to \$150 for half of the school year. We will revisit once the committee funding has been approved.

The Disability Information Forum is usually held during the month of October in conjunction with the Autism Walk. No date for the walk as of yet. Colleen Cairns made the motion that the committee sponsor the Disability Information Forum along with the Regional Family Support Planning Council #8. The planning meeting with the Council #8 group will be during our June meeting. Laurie Newcomb seconded the motion. Entire committee approved.

Jim Robinson will check into the requirements of committee by-laws.

Bob Jonas discussed how the township could get involved more during the month of April for the "Light It Up Blue" initiative. He suggested that we get an earlier start on supporting Autism Awareness next

year as well as getting the township more involved. Colleen Cairns suggested that in addition to Autism, next year we could support other causes and their disability days such as Cerebral Palsy, and Down Syndrome.

Old Business:

Jack Magee made a motion to approve the 2018 February meeting minutes. Colleen Cairns seconded this motion. The committee voted to approve the January minutes as presented.

During the Light It Up Blue Initiative on March 25, 2018, close to 60 light bulbs were distributed by the West Deptford Queens as well as a flyer with information about the Initiative. All the light bulbs were donated within an hour and a half. The public was very receptive and interested.

NO New Correspondence

Public Comment:

Jack Magee motioned to open the meeting to the public and was seconded by Bob Jonas. The motion was approved by entire committee. No public comment was made. Laurie Newcomb motioned to close the public portion and Bob Driscoll seconded her motion. The motion was approved by entire committee.

Motion to Adjourn:

Laurie Newcomb motioned to adjourn and Bob Jonas seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the entire Committee. Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

Next Meeting Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Wadding