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**Access For All – Mahwah Minutes**

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**May 7, 2018**

**Opening 7:05 p.m.**

**Attendees: Members**

**Township Appointees & Liaisons**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Absent</b>		<b>Member</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jennifer Whalen-Gares	X			Dot McDonough, Human Services		X
Johanna Baccan	X			Denise Shabet, CERT,	X	
Liz Yorio	X			Ben Kezmarski, Board of Ed		X
Gary Glucoft	X			Michele Paz, Councilperson	X	
Sue Brand		X		Leslie Konikow, Board of Ed	X	
Kyra Faison-Gardner	X					
Mike Kelly	X					
Don Minassian	X					
Meg Minassian	X					
Katie Ross	X					
Sue Straffin	X					

1. Pledge of Allegiance (not done due to no flag)
2. Review and approval of 3/5/18 Meeting Minutes  
The Meeting Minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved.

**3. Officers Report and Business**

Denise Shabet, Treasurer

- Confirmed budget amount approved for 2018 - \$5100
- Cert Day is 5/12/18

Johanna Baccan, Vice Chairperson

- Ride for Life hours extended on Saturday from 8am to 5pm and rest of the week is 8am to 8pm. Must be 18 and up. Phone #'s 201-939-4242, option 4, 866-208-1307, option 4. Similar to Uber. Need to look into if they assist if individual needs help.
- Lord and Taylor discount day- followed up on requirements
- Theatre special needs program - discount for special days for Broadway shows for individuals with disabilities.

Jennifer Whalen Gares, Chairperson

- Spoke to Patrick from United Way about date change for planters at Mahwah Commons. We are looking at possible dates of June 2 or 3 weekend to reschedule. Jennifer to work with Denise on PO for materials.
- Denise Storms looking at space to store basketballs from Mike Kelly from basketball event that got cancelled.
- Submitted form to use Ramapo Ridge building for June 9 Social. Theme is Willie Wonka. DJ (Roger Quinlan) is reserved for the event.

**4. Old Business**

- Mahwah Commons Project: Garden Planters
  - Scouts will build planters offsite. Mike and Don will deliver material to scouts. Scouts have provided list of materials required for building 3 planters.
  - Look into combining barbecue and planters event. Another option to have an ice cream social for scouts to say thank you. Jennifer to follow up with Patrick and scouts to see what would be best.
  - Maybe include girl scouts as well to assist with planting flowers and vegetables. Will contact Housing Director and Scouts to discuss this opportunity.
  - June 6 – potential date. Confirmation from Scouts POC and Housing Director needed.
- Uber Health on hold- talk to Suzanne Smalls to coordinate possible presentation with Seniors group at Senior Center.

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- Committee approved By laws changes and recommendations from Don. JWG will submit to Mayor & Council, TWP Attorney for review and approval
- Need a sub-committee for fund raisers.
  - Mike Kelly to provide a list of Mahwah restaurants from Chamber of Commerce and we will see if any will offer percent of proceeds for fundraiser on special day.
  - Look to schedule in October so we can advertise at Mahwah Day.
  - Need to decide on volunteers.
  - Gary to follow up with Camp Acorn on estimated funds needed for Mahwah families out of pocket expenses.
  - Use all our past advertise options
- Open house – October open house.
  - Need to decide on vendors, services, and speakers to schedule. Possibly invite various camp programs for special needs, housing, employment, etc.
  - Use Senior center.
  - Michele to follow up with Tim Tebow prom program information & contacts for open house. Sub-committee: Kyra, Jennifer, and Johanna.
  - Jennifer will contact potential speakers for availability and possible dates.
- Social -June 9. Ramapo Middle 6pm to 9pm.
  - New DJ Roger Quinlan who has experience with special needs.
  - Get security and see if police to attend our meeting to review concerns.
  - Send out an Emergency form with RSVP for contact info and any special diet or issues we should know about. Check form at door and have blank copies on site.
  - See If school can gate hallways to limit access to other rooms.
  - We need to arrange games and food. Look at Wegmans. Gary to see if Mahwah Boosters can donate prizes again.
  - Suggested time for setup: 4:30pm
  - Giveaways to be coordinated: Gary, Jennifer & Denise
- Baseball event- Gary to look at August dates for Rockland Boulders Game
- Event with pool on hold due to sad passing of Joe Esposito
- Community survey- relook at feedback, incorporate suggested questions provided by other communities and hand out at social

**Meeting Adjourned 8:35 p.m.**

**Next Meeting: June 4, 2018 at 7pm.**