
Access For All – Mahwah Minutes

April 1, 2019**Opening 7:04 p.m.****Attendees: Members****Township Appointees & Liaisons**

Member	Attended	Absent		Member	Attended	Absent
Johanna Baccan	X			Dot McDonough, Human Services		X
Sue Straffin	X			Denise Shabet, CERT		X
Gary Glucoft	X			Michele Paz, Councilperson	X	
Mike Kelly		X		Ben Kezmarski, Board of Ed		X
Don Minassian	X			Michael Galow, Board of Ed		
Meg Minassian	X					
Katie Ross	X					
Christine Ervin	X					
Kathryn Bell	X					
Maryann Mauro	X					
John Ryan	X					
Jessica LoPiccolo	X					

1. Salute to the Flag
2. Roll Call of Commission Members.
3. Approval of previous meeting notes from 3/4/19
4. Officers Report -
Johanna Baccan, Chairwoman
 - Thanks to everyone for helping with the Bingo Event. Great feedback and event was fabulous.
 - Jim Thebery, Director of Disability Services from Bergen County advised they are still working on transportation and would like to talk to Mr. Goodell about special needs trail in Mahwah.
 - Johanna reached out to Representative Gotthemer about transportation needs and she is hoping to meet with him if anyone else wants to join.
 - Johanna had a recent bad experience with the new Valley Health Center in Mahwah where it was not accessible for the disabled and not as good compared to NY Sports Club in the past. A letter should be sent from our group to see how we can share thoughts to make it better.
Susan Straffin, Co-Chairwoman
 - Dot announced her retirement from Human Services.
 - 8 openings for driver in Bergen County
 - Invite Mayor to next meeting to discuss transportation and opening in Human Services. Michele sent an invite. Also discuss if we still have limitations with taking donations.
5. Bingo Event
 - Great feedback
 - DJ Scott Rubin did a great job
 - Less difficult games next time
 - Kids loved the gifts
 - Make event shorter next time, maybe 6:30pm to 8pm
 - Plan another Bingo Event around Halloween and people can get dressed up
 - Locate Signup book to get new contacts
 - John shared stats from Face book. Increased followers and best time to post going forward is on Fri/Sat
 - Get T-shirts for future events for team
 - Next time, have kids take turns spinning wheel

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- Next time have equipment to hang banners
- Balloons worked well
- Make sure we check Face book on day of event
- Send thank you to Scott Rubin, Todd, Stacy Mandell and HS volunteers, and Ralph who created artwork
- Look to get 1 or 2 large gifts for boys and girls
- Get a Braille Bingo board for next time
- Make sure to get permission to post pictures on Face book

6. Movie Event

- Sunday, April 28 at 10:30am
- Owner of Ramsey theatre very helpful
- Snacks included
- Jessica shared draft of flyer and got feedback
- Group was fine to use 2019 budget if we fully use \$400 donation from last year
- Jessica will make sure sound is not too loud and if they offer listening devices
- Jessica to see if we can play slideshow before movie about Access for All. John will create it.
- Advertise future events
- Advise person who donated money for movie event once it is used since they want to remain anonymous.
- Jessica will see if we can advertise event of movie day on theatre marquee
- Share invite with seniors as well

7. Storage Area/Room

- Katie and Jessica offered to help clean up room.
- We need to purchase bins so we need to check with Denise.

8. Future Events/Ideas

- Planting and barbecue at Commons. Possible date May 19.
- Possible event at Secors Farm
- Social is on June 15. Could have red carpet and backdrop for pictures
- Phil Ross- karate lessons
- Holiday Bowling event

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2019