

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMISSION FOR THE DISABLED / HANDICAPPED
MEETING OF
FEBRUARY 19, 2025
MINUTES**

Co-Chairperson Sharon Hollander called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm followed by a flag salute.

Present: S. Fries , S. Hollander, D. Henning, S. Iorio, K. Iorio, N. Janoczkin, A. Janoczkin, M. Losito, J. Testa, K. Cladek, T. Kelley, K. LoCascio-Lundgren

Absent: A. Berkovich

Treasurer Report:

Operating Budget – \$1,336.56

Grant – 0

Trust Account – \$14,360.35

January 15, 2025 Minutes – Motion to approve, D.Henning, S. Iorio, second

Ceramics –25 registered clients, no waitlist. February classes were cancelled due to illness. Ceramics will resume in March. Order request for ceramics pieces submitted.

Helping Hands –31 registered clients as of 2/17/2025. Helping Hands schedule created by A. Defort for March 2025 – June 2025. Pizza party in the amount of \$70.33 and snack replenishment in the amount of \$107.06. Budget of \$1,147.46 remaining. A. Defort will continue to monitor budget.

Challenger Basketball 2025 – 1/4/2025 to 2/15/2025. J. Quimby and S. O'Neill are coaches for the 2025 Challenger Basketball season. 20 registered clients, 13 buddy volunteers. Costs approved for basketball medals for the end of season game. Donations of medals by anonymous donor have been provided as backup. \$50.76 used for Basketball for cookie platter and beverages.

Valentine Party – Event held 2/9/2025 from 1-4pm. Event will be held at the Senior Center. Event coordinators are D. Henning , N. Janoczkin, A. Janoczkin. 68 total attended event. 150 cupcakes donated by Dawn and Dennis from Elks. Alex J donated placements and canvases for art teacher, Lisa Stallone from JMHS. Other décor, arts and crafts have been donated. Music provided by Iorio family. Karen Powell with Jackson library provided 2 sensory tables. Meatball subs, vegetable, chips and dessert offered. Total spent from COSTCO is \$299.38, Shop-Rite total spent is \$91.99. Total spent for event is \$391.37. Event featured on cover of Jackson Times, 2/13/2025 edition by Bob Vosseller.

Challenger Softball – Revised Sunday sessions, starting 4/6 – 5/25, tentatively from 10am – 12pm at the Justice Complex on Turf 2. No practice will be scheduled for Easter Sunday and Mother's Day.

Spring Fling – Sunday April 27 from 1- 4pm at the Senior Center. S.Fries and S.Hollander to handle event. Flyer has been approved but wait till March for distribution. Will discuss craft and décor at the next meeting.

Buddy Form – Discuss to revise current form. Form will be automated like the current client registration form.

Prom – July 12, 2025. A. Janoczkin to contact Firehouse 54 about using them as a vendor again.

Bowling – July – August; Dates TBD 6-8pm. D. Henning, A. Berkovich and Scott Martin to handle. Quote has been requested for Friday night bowling with shoe rental. Looking for alternate day during the week to offset cost. Discussion of end of event party; pizza or cupcakes. Discussion of original registration fee of \$25. Possibility of donation of Howell Lanes gift card by a Jackson Police officer acquaintance. Howell Lanes has increased the cost of player to \$13 from last year's fee of \$11.

Challenger Soccer– September 13 – October 25 from 9:30am – 11am at the Justice Complex. Dates are tentative until permit has been approved. Season will be coached by M. Losito and family again. Soccer gear will be requested to be brought down from storage in July to allow time to inspect gear if new gear needs to be ordered.

Jackson Day– September 14, 2025 (rain date is 9/1/2025). S. Fries and S. Hollander to handle event. Application for 2 adjacent spots to be submitted. Discussion to purchase a JTCD/H canopy. Vendors with quotes have been requested for canopy. Request for claw machine. Request to increase budget for giveaways, supplies for 2025. Will reach out to Angela Kazima, dance instructor to see if Happy Feet dance to perform. Discussion of dance shirts to be donated. Request ROTC and JTCD/H volunteers for assistance for event.

Halloween Party: October 26, 2025 from 1-4pm. Will need volunteers for this event. Location is the Senior Center. Need to confirm earliest date/time we are permitted to decorate. Halloween flyers to be distributed on/around September 7, 2025. Will also be posted to e-backpack, JTCD/H and the JTCD/H Facebook page. Discussed if this will be a free event or will a fee be charged. Food, centerpieces, prizes and craft supplies to be purchased or donated. Prizes for possible costume contest. Donation of donuts for the donut eating contest. Purchased 3 dozen donuts last year. Discussed crafts, trunk or treat hosts with candy and volunteers (ROTC/clients/Girl or Boy Scouts).

Holiday Party– December 7, 2025 from 1-4pm. Event will be at the AMVETS hall. Need to inquire earliest date and time permitted to decorate for the event. Holiday flyer will be distributed with the Halloween party flyer. Flyer will also be posted on the JTCD/H page, Commission Facebook page and e-backpack. Discussion about a DJ and a film projector. S. Iorio to discuss the capabilities for using the film projector to show audience year's events during the party. 24 centerpieces have been saved from the 2024 Holiday party.

New Business/Other Business

- Secretary position will become full time – the interviewing process will begin
- Costco card(s); to be purchased per Marianne Horta
- Discuss keys and Shoprite authorization for Alex and Sam
- 21+ Night is happening March 15th – Iorio family to handle
 - Flyer distributed 2-11-25
 - Shoprite cart received
 - Commission blender was purchased for mocktails and future events
 - IT department is purchasing, at their expense, a device that will allow the interactive games to be played.

- Discussed the thoroughbred horse organization. A. Janoczkin to research further.
- S.Iorio has communication with Dr. Seuss farm in Jackson.
- Review finances
 - We have asked for an additional \$5000 from the ROID grant this year, with the township matching an additional \$1000
 - We received an anonymous generous donation of \$1000
 - Operating Budget – works on a Calendar Year Jan-Dec – we receive 26.25% advance to get us through until it's approved.
 - Discuss on costs of buying t-shirt vs. less expensive pinnies.
- We have 18 Challenger shirts left
 - Awards of Brick became an authorized vendor & gave the best estimate – see attached
 - Also requested a reversible pinny quote.
 - Discussion tabled until future date.
- Coaches can distribute & collect after practice/game; Commission Secretary will wash and store after each season
- Explore Barcode reader idea
- The amount of printing on the color printer has been re-routed to the donated printers
- We also have to reimburse the Senior Center for 1 Receipt Book from last spring and 1 can of coffee to replenish what was used during the Valentine's Party
- Will also need to purchase letterhead stationery
- Discuss the purchase of table linens and ceiling fabric for prom and other events

Old Business

- We are on the Ocean County Human Services page
- Scott Martin suggested Karate as an activity to offer to our clients-will need a coach
- AMC Theater-management will not accept PO's; any movie; sensory sensitive; minimum 40 people. D. Henning and K. LoCascio-Lundgren to further research
- Archery idea

Motion to Adjourn S. Iorio, D. Henning, second.

Meeting Adjourned 8:15 pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Marilene Losito, Recording Secretary

***NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD March 19, 2025 ***