

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

Co-Chairperson Sharon Hollander called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by a flag salute.

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

Guest: Vinnie (full name not provided)

Treasurer Report:

Operating Budget – \$776.01

Grant – 0

Trust Account – \$11,874.26

February 19, 2025 Minutes – Motion to approve, K. Cladek, D.Henning, second

Ceramics –25 registered clients. Sessions continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.

Helping Hands –31 registered clients as of 2/17/2025. Helping Hands schedule created by Alison Defort for March 2025 – June 2025. Budget of \$1,147.46 remaining. Alison Defort will continue to monitor budget.

Game Night –13 total attended. Good turnout of event. All attended had a great time. Multiple games played. Meatball subs and dessert were served. \$58.20 total spent for event.

Spring Fling – Sunday April 27 from 1- 4pm at the Senior Center. S.Fries and S.Hollander to handle event. Client +1 guest are free; extra guest is \$7/person. Tropical themed event. Craft; paint and decorate mugs to make planters and placemats to color. Decorate the center on 4/26/2025 with the floral themed décor. Guests will be charged to attend event. Food menu; sliders (ham and cheese), chicken strips/nuggets served with Polynesian sauce, coleslaw, potato salad, snacks, ice cream along with toppings.

Prom – July 12, 2025 from 5-7pm. S.Fries and S.Hollander and A. Janoczkin to handle the event. A. Janoczkin waiting for confirmation to use Firehouse 54 again. “New York” is the themed and décor has been purchased. A. Janoczkin will work with Lisa from Memorial High School to create a double backdrop for the skyscraper scene. A. Janoczkin will provide ideas for use of balloons for the event. Dress code is “Dress to Impress”. Reached out to the catering service we used last year to see if they would be a vendor for our event again this year. Will reach out to the DJ from last year to see if we can use his service again along with a photo booth. We will continue to discuss about flowers. Will charge \$10/person for client and guest.

Halloween Party: October 26, 2025 from 1-4pm at the Senior Center. S. Iorio, T. Kelley, K. Cladek, D. Henning and A. Berkovich will handle the event. Halloween flyers to be distributed on/around September 7, 2025. Flyers will also be posted to e-backpack, JTCD/H and the JTCD/H Facebook page. Client and (1) guest are free; additional guest is \$7/person. Will discuss food, centerpieces, trunk or treat, prizes for the costume contest, craft and supplies for purchase or donation. Will reach

out for donation of donuts for the donut eating contest. 3 dozen donuts last year were purchased. Need to reach out for volunteers for the event (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. Flyers will also be posted to e-backpack, JTCD/H and the JTCD/H Facebook page. Client and (1) guest are free; additional guest is \$7/person. 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.

Easter Egg Hunt– April 12, 2025 from 11:30am – 2:30pm at the Justice Complex. Jackson Commission for the Disabled/Handicapped will participate with the Recreation Department. Jackson Commission for the Disabled/Handicapped egg hunt event starts at 11:30am. There will be a DJ and food trucks. We have estimated 60 clients participating. Looking for volunteers, face painter and having a sensory table set-up.

Jackson Day– September 14, 2025 (rain date is 9/21/2025). 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. Requesting volunteers from the ROTC and JTCD/H for assistance for event.

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

Challenger Soccer– September 13 – October 25 from 9:30am – 11am at the Justice Complex on the all-purpose turf. 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.

Bowling – July – August; Dates TBD 6-8pm. D. Henning, A. Berkovich and Scott Martin to handle. Price per person has been quoted at \$13/person, which includes 2 games and shoe rental. Looking for alternate day during the week to offset cost. Discussion of original registration fee of \$25. There is a possible gift card donation to be gifted to the Jackson Commission for the Disabled/Handicapped. Discussion of end of event party; pizza or cupcakes.

New Business/Other Business

- Movie Night; donation toward 30 tickets and snacks
- Discussed the thoroughbred horse organization. A. Janoczkin to research further.
- Dr. Seuss farm in Jackson – S.Iorio to handle
- Review finances
- Challenger shirts

Old Business

- We are on the Ocean County Human Services page
- Karate – suggested by Scott; will need a coach
- Archery idea

Motion to Adjourn K. Cladek, A. Berkovich, second.

Meeting Adjourned 8:28 pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Marilene Losito, Recording Secretary

***NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD April 16, 2025 ***