

**JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMISSION FOR THE DISABLED / HANDICAPPED
MEETING OF
APRIL 16, 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, K. Cladek, T. Kelley, K. LoCascio-Lundgren

Absent: J. Testa

Guest: Vinnie Cucuzza

Treasurer Report:

Operating Budget – \$776.01

Grant – 0

Trust Account – \$10,608.80

March 19, 2025 Minutes – Motion to approve, D. Henning, T. Kelley, 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. Alison Defort will continue to monitor budget.

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. As of today there is estimated 45 clients, 51 guest; total is 96. Tropical themed event. Craft; planting flowers in pots. Donation of plants and soil; A. Berkovich to handle. Looking to receive 50 plants. Decorate the center on 4/26/2025 with the floral themed décor. Food menu; sliders (ham and cheese), chicken strips/nuggets served with Polynesian sauce, coleslaw, potato salad, snacks, ice cream along with toppings.

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. 6000 eggs were provided. Sensory table, stickers and face painting were provided. Karen created a video of the egg hunt. Great turnout.

Thunderbolt Movie– May 10, 2025. Movie set to start at 9:30am at the AMC Theater; 101 Trotters Way, Freehold. First come, first serve free tickets for the first 30 registered clients. Includes 1 small popcorn, 1 small drink and fruit snack. As of today, there are 27 registered clients. Movie is sensory friendly. This timeslot is reserved for the JTCD/H. Ryan from AMC and Karen to touch base closer to movie.

Bowling – July – August; start and end dates to be confirmed. Times are confirmed for 6-8pm. D. Henning, A. Berkovich and Scott Martin to handle. Registration fee of \$25/registered client. Price per person has been quoted at \$13/person, which includes 2 games and shoe rental. 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.

Challenger Softball – April 6 – May 25, from 9am – 11am at the Justice Complex on Turf 2. No practice will be scheduled for Easter Sunday. 21 players registered and 14 volunteer buddies. Discussion of purchasing new player shirts. Received \$380 from client registration.

Thoroughbred Horse Organization – A. Janoczkin to research further. Discussion of starting end of May or end of June 2025 on a Sunday afternoon. Another horseback riding option is Dr. Seuss horseback. S. Iorio is handling inquiry for Dr. Seuss. As of now, S. Iorio has not heard back from Dr. Seuss.

Prom – July 12, 2025 from 5-7pm. S.Fries and S.Hollander and A. Janoczkin to handle the event. Location of the Prom is the Firehouse 54. Location was handled by A. Janoczkin. “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. Some décor has been purchased. Will charge \$10/person for client and guest.

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.

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 is free; additional guest is \$10/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.

New Business/Other Business

- Vinnie 2nd meeting to be sworn in; all ayes
- Bocce – Elaine Westgate. Dates are August 9-17
- COSTCO membership card photos; Secretary and 1 Commission member
- Vinnie suggestion of corporate donations from Shop-rite
- Podcast/Movie Production: Vinnie
- Budget 2025-2026 fiscal year

- April Autism Awareness Month for 2026

Old Business

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

Motion to Adjourn D. Henning, N. Janoczkin, second.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30 pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Marilene Losito, Recording Secretary

***NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD May 21, 2025 ***