

JACKSON TOWNSHIP COMMISSION FOR THE DISABLED / HANDICAPPED
MEETING OF
MAY 21, 2025
MINUTES

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

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

Absent: S. Hollander, J. Testa, S. Iorio, K. Iorio, V. Cucuzza

Guest: Rotary members

Treasurer Report:

Operating Budget – \$1,643.00

Grant – 0

Trust Account – \$9,928.84

April 16, 2025 Minutes – Motion to approve, D. Henning, N. Janoczkin, second

Discussion on budget for 2025/2026 fiscal year. All ayes to approve.

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 handled the event. Client +1 guest are free; extra guest is \$7/person. 37 clients, 41 guests; 78 total attended the event. Tropical themed event. Craft; planting flowers in pots. A. Berkovich handled looking for donation of plants and soil; to receive 50 plants. Center was decorated 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. Total spent for event is \$684.00.

Thunderbolt Movie – May 10, 2025. Movie was 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. This event included 1 small popcorn, 1 small drink and fruit snack. 17 clients and 16 clients attended; 51 total attendees. Total of the donation is \$332.32. Movie event went great and all had a great time. Will look into having a movie event like this again.

Bowling – July 11 – August 15, 2025. From 6-8:3pm.

D. Henning, A. Berkovich and A. Janoczkin 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 – Sunday 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. Received \$380 from client registration. \$91.84 spent on giveaways and medals for the athletes. Final game will be Jackson vs. Freehold Challenger. This will be a home game for Jackson Challenger from 9-11am; estimated 10 athletes to play. Will discuss refreshments and snacks for the end of season game. Discussion of purchasing new player shirts.

Prom – Saturday 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. Save the Date flyer has been sent out. Robert from SO Many Stylez has confirmed the date to DJ the prom for a total amount of \$850. Shopping cart for Shop-Rite will need to be created. Robert from So Many Stylez has confirmed to DJ our prom for \$850. Reached out to the ROTC for volunteers for day before event set up and for serving the day of the prom. Linda Thompson from First Choice Caters has confirmed same rate as last year; \$20/person. Soda is included with the fire house donation. Theme is Big City and some décor has been purchased. Will charge \$10/person for client and guest. A. Janoczkin reached out to Lisa Thompson from Memorial High School to create a double backdrop for the skyscraper scene. Table centerpieces will be street signs with a skyline base and fairy lights. Cutom “City Themed” photo of each family will be sent out to our families after the prom. T. Kelley suggested picture frames as a craft.

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. Lucy Kelley offering face painting. 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 \$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

- Halloween party
- Holiday Party

Old Business

- Bocce – Elaine Westgate. Dates are August 9-17
- Vinnie suggestion of corporate donations from Shop-rite
- Podcast/Movie Production: Vinnie
- April Autism Awareness Month for 2026
- COSTCO membership cards
- Horseback riding
- Discussion of phraseology
- 2026 Board Members

Motion to Adjourn D. Henning, K. Cladek, second.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Marilene Losito, Recording Secretary

***NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD June 18, 2025 ***