

**Jackson Township Commission for the Disabled / Handicapped
Meeting of November 18, 2020
Minutes**

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

Present: S. Hollander, K. Galano, C. Dolan, D. Andreas, K. Cladek, S. Fries, D. Furbish

Minutes of October 21, 2020 - Motion to approve made by K. Cladek, second by S. Fries

Vote: S. Hollander, K. Galano, C. Dolan, K. Cladek, S. Fries, D. Furbish, D. Andreas— Ayes

Finance Report – Trust - \$12,951.60 Budget - \$5,879.53 Grant - \$4,245.12

Grant was reviewed, signed and submitted by Karen and Donna on October 19, 2020.

Soccer – Soccer started Saturday, September 12, 2020 and ended October 31, 2020. There were 8 clients participating and 8 parents volunteered as buddies. Dave Furbish stated the season went very well.

Trunk or Treat – Trunk or Treat had eight decorated cars and 35 attended. The day went very well. The Commission discussed having this event instead of the Halloween Party next year. It could possibly be expanded to include other activities.

Ceramics – Cancelled

Horseback Riding (Rein Dancer) – Rein Dancer has advised that they do not have enough staff to accommodate the Commission at this time. Hopefully we can reschedule for the Spring.

Helping Hands - Cancelled

Holiday Party – The party has been cancelled for this year. The AmVets needs to be reserved for next year's party. (December 5, 2021)

Basketball – Cancelled

Valentine's Day – A painting night will be planned for Valentine's Day this year. It will be held February 13, 2021 at the Senior Center. A Painting Instructor is needed for the event.

Background Checks - Discussion regarding background check for volunteers.

Playground – The Business Administrator has asked for suggestions to improve the Handicapped Playground. Some suggestions included a Misting Park, Platform Swing, Create a Walking Path along the playground, quiet area, climbing activities and more shade areas.

2021 Event Calendar

January – Basketball (TBD)

February – 2/13/21 Valentine’s Painting Party

March – Spring Fling 3/27/21 Christine and Sharon – Co –Chairs

April – Softball- Saturdays 4/10 through 5/29 Kristen – Chair

May – Game Night Friday, 5/21/21

June – Prom TBD

July – Mini Golf TBD

August – 8/6 through 8/27 Bowling

September – ReinDancer Horseback Riding

Movie Night – 9/24/21

Soccer – 9/11-20 through 10/30/21 Dave – Chair

Helping Hands

October – Fall Festival – 10/23/21

November – Chorus TBD

Cooking Class 11/4/21

December – Holiday Party at the AmVets Sunday, 12/5/21

Helping Hands Program - As there have been many complaints about the program being “boring” and “nothing to do” made by clients, along with decreased attendance by clients, the program needs to be reassessed. Discussion regarding sending out an evaluation of the Program by clients. Possible age group division and having age appropriate activities.

Background Checks

Discussion regarding recommended background checks.

Revision of By Laws

The current By Laws have not been revised since October of 2014.

The members reviewed each section of the By Laws and made revisions. The revisions will be submitted to the Mayor for approval

Motion to approve By Law revisions made by S. Fries, second by C. Dolan

Vote; S. Fries, C. Dolan, K. Cladek, S. Hollander, D. Furbish, K. Galano, D. Andreas – Ayes

Nomination of Co-Chairpersons for 2021

D. Andreas nominates Christine Dolan for Co-Chair, second by S. Fries

Christine accepts the nomination

Vote: S. Fries, C. Dolan, K. Cladek, S. Hollander, D. Furbish, K. Galano, D. Andreas – Ayes

K. Cladek nominates Sharon Hollander for Co-Chair, second by K. Galano

Sharon accepts the nomination

Vote: S. Fries, C. Dolan, K. Cladek, S. Hollander, D. Furbish, K. Galano, D. Andreas – Ayes

Cancel December 16, 2020 Meeting

Motion to cancel the December 16, 2020 meeting made by D. Andreas, second by S. Fries

Vote: S. Fries, C. Dolan, K. Cladek, S. Hollander, D. Furbish, K. Galano, D. Andreas – Ayes

Motion to Adjourn made by C. Dolan, second by S. Hollander All Ayes

Meeting Adjourned 8:29 pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Kathleen Sevchenko, Secretary

*******Next Meeting – January 20, 2021 *******