

Town of Islip Disability Advisory Board
Meeting #3 -March 11, 2019, East Islip Library
Chair: Jim O'Connor
Vice Chair: Carol Charchalis
Legislative Aide: Dawn Marie Kuhn

Meeting convened 6:10pm

1. Attendance-Sign in

- Members present: Jim O'Connor, Carol Charchalis, Denise Sheridan, Geraldine Lettieri, Douglas King, Rosemary Claus, Lisa Gatti, Gary Pristera

- Absent: Euridice Busweiller, Ray Samson, Leo DeBobes, Devin Fernandez, Bea Huste-Pederson, Robin Mayr, Nancy O'Donnell

*Introduction of Guests:

- Mr. Giordano: discussed get together/gathers for adults
- Chair ruled that you do not have to be a member of the Disability Advisory Board to attend meetings.

2. Minutes from 11/ 18/19 meeting:

- Distributed, reviewed, but not adopted since the meeting did not have a quorum.
- Minor edits for correct spellings of member names

3. Mission Statement:

- Voted on and adopted at 11/18/19 meeting
- Read to Disability Advisory Board
- Chair discussed broader circulation of Mission Statement

4. Bylaws:

- Distributed with revisions
- Unable to adopt since the meeting did not have a quorum

5. Updates From Board Members on Upcoming or Past Events

Pal-O-Mine: raising money for first inclusive playground

- Stations: sensory, music, vestibular
- Needs 125 volunteers; currently have 80
- 9/21-9/22 breaking ground
- 4-28-19 Unmounted Horsemanship challenge
- 6-7-19 Adult Fundraiser; Belmont Racetrack, Day before Belmont Stakes -16th year

Just For Kicks Soccer: Denise Sheridan

- Begins Friday 3-29-19 @ 5:30 at Westbrook Soccer Fields for players on the autism spectrum, from 4-22 years old
- Volunteers/instructors always needed

EJ Autism Race/Walk Unlocking the Mystery: Jim discussed for Bea
April 7, 2019, in conjunction with Autism Awareness Month

Kiwanis: Douglas King

- Pediatric Trauma Board
- Car Show fundraiser

NAMI: Rosemary Claus

- 5-4-19 Jones Beach walk

Bowling: Mr. Giordano

- Monday group for Vision/hearing impaired

David Sanders: Interpretive Dance Program in Oakdale run by Islip Youth Bureau

- Friday nights: 5pm & 6:30pm for 6-13 year olds.

6. Guest Speakers for Future Board Meetings:

- Angie Carpenter, Islip Town Supervisor
- Tim Mare, Islip Youth Bureau
- MaryAnn Pfeiffer, Youth Enrichment Services
- Planning Commissioner, Building Department Official, Engineering Department Official –
To discuss rules and regulations as they apply to ADA and how Town of Islip enforces codes/rules.

7. Discussion Item: Meeting schedule for rest of the year:

Initiative for meeting to be as “inclusive” as possible; four (4) meetings per year, possibly six (6), if needed. Suggested meetings to stagger dates/times to accommodate all members and get as much participation as possible. Times to be staggered as follows:

- 1 meeting @ 11 am
- 1 meeting at 2 pm
- 1 meeting @ 4 pm
- 1 meeting at 6pm

Action Item:

- *Advertising:
- *Local News 12,
- *ITV
- *Facebook
- TOI website – Being redeveloped. Will try to get a page in Town of Islip website for Disability Advisory Board.
- Recreational News (Carol) 3 issues. Will promote programs that exist, will reserve ½ page
- 3/19 “State of Town” - Angie Carpenter will present vision for Town. Chair will ask to include Mission Statement in “State of the Town”
- Posters made up with Mission Statement and distributed in Town Facilities
- Possible Press Release

INITIATIVES

- Supported employment
- Decrease sheltered workshops
- Movement self-sufficient/apartment style living with developer (Connetquot Library 3/12/19, 7-9pm); LI Autism Communities
- Job Fairs
- JAN- Job Accommodation Network
- Larry Gargano/Charlie Massimo - initiative for residential housing for disabled community in any new developments
- October is Disability Awareness Month – Need to develop program that Board can work on.
- Economic Development – CEO Forum – Make sure disability issues are mentioned, discussed, featured
- Rohan Murphy: world class wrestler recognized at Town of Islip Board Meeting for Black History month (February) – World Class Athlete & Motivational Speaker

8. Next Meeting: May 1, 2019 @ 11am at 401 Main Street, Town Hall West

9. Old Business

10: New Business: Douglas King

- Wheelchairs and Vehicles (Vans) had been stolen recently prompting Mr. King to work with Assemblymen to enact new laws in NYS.
- Todd’s Law – Make it a “Hate Crime” in NYS when disabled vehicles or disabled assistance devices are stolen.

Meeting adjourned 7:16 pm