

AGAWAM DISABILITY COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 – 4:00PM

Agawam Senior Center
954 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001
Tel# 413-821-0605

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
 - a. Present – Jean Carter, Frankie Mazzei, Mario Bonavita, Michael Squindo
 - b. Excused – Deb Trudell
 - c. Absent – Joann Balakier
3. Recognition of Visitors
 - a. None at this time
4. Approval of Minutes: March 21, 2018
 - a. Motion made by Frankie Mazzei, seconded by Mario
 - i. Unanimously approved
5. Treasurer / Financial Report
 - a. Balance
 - i. \$130 from training.
 - b. Frankie moved to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Mario
 - i. Unanimously approved
6. Chairperson's Report
 - a. Could not make it to Stavros, cannot do the drive.
7. Committee Reports –
 - a. Correspondence
 - b. Team meeting discussion
 - a. Grants
 - i. Check will be processed tomorrow for \$500 to go to Castle Hill Condominium
 - b. Sidewalks
 - i. It would appear the current administration has recognized the need for sidewalks and appears to have put a much larger amount of money into the capital plans as compared to years past to address the sidewalk issues in town.
 - c. Building
 - d. Parking/ Ticketing

- e. Public Relations (PR)
 - f. Playgrounds/ CPA/ Parks & Rec./ Schools
 - i. Time to start going around and do the inspections
8. Old Business
- a. Training – No more books. Now done via flash drive.
 - i. Meals were done
 - ii. There will be an advanced CAM training in 2019. It will be a half day training.
9. New Business
- a. A lady that contacted us about a parking complaint at 6 flags. She is a season pass holder, parking included. Accessible parking does exist, and a small amount is on the same side as the actual amusement park. There is also some in the “preferred” parking spot, but were not allowed to use it unless it is paid for as a “preferred” buyer. She also questioned whether they meet the proper amount of accessible parking in general. Because of the distance of some of the spots, they are trammed, unknown if these trams are accessible. The drop off for these trams is on the bridge side of the park, so the individual would have to use the bridge. Part of concern regarding the accessible parking as it relates to preferred parking
10. Any other business that may lawfully come before the Commission
- a. COA will be applying for MassDOT funding for a new wheelchair accessible van. There is a 20% match required which the COA will be attempting to secure through various local options, and may formally request in the future for the ADA to consider making a contribution to that match as it will benefit individuals living with disabilities in Agawam of any age.
11. Next Meeting- June 13, 2018
12. Adjourn

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