

Sharon Commission on Disabilities
Location and Meeting
Sharon Adult Center, Library

Date and Time: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

Called to Order at 7:10 pm
Minutes

Members in attendance: Paul Remy, Chairperson, Susan Myerson, Amy Karas, Geila Aronson, Peter Melvin

Absent: Jana Katz, Susan Friedman, and Lois Diamond

Approval of minutes of previous meetings.

Treasurer's report: Ticket Fund \$2292.57

Donations \$1901.97

Expenses \$500.00

Guest speaker: Linda Berger, Recreation Director

Linda discussed the plans for making Ames Park handicap accessible. She stated that the Gaga Pit and picnic tables would be able to be constructed. Noah and Ryan are working on their Eagle Scout project for improving the park and are waiting to get town approval. Paul suggested that the Commission get involved with the selection of playground equipment, and that other types of activities, such as board games, be included and available to all children.

Paul suggested that Access Sports America (accessportamerica.org) be contacted to determine what other sports, such as windsurfing, canoeing, and cycling, could be made available for people with disabilities.

Town Hall accessibility project: Lois would like the Commission to interview several Sharon residents with disabilities, who are not Commission members, about the Town Hall's accessibility and their opinions regarding this situation. Commission members would also be interviewed. In addition, a video tour of Town Hall could be very informative to all town residents. The COA should be included in this project.

Sharon Community Television program "Disability Matters:" It was suggested that

the program should air in March. A segment on Ryan and Noah working on their Eagle Scout projects for the Ames Street Playground could be featured.

Website renewal: The Commission reimbursed Paul Remy in the amount of \$82 for the cost of the renewal.

Inclusion event: Chanie invited the Commission members to attend an Inclusion Event at Congregation Adath Sharon on Sunday February 12, 2017. The Commission could host a table informing the attendees of our work in Sharon.

Scholarship: The Commission will review the scholarship applications and award the Leslie Kriger Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 to a graduating Senior.

Meeting called adjourn at 7:55 pm