

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES/MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE COMMITTEE
MAY 2, 2016 MINUTES**

Present: Gloria Goode, Josh Aronovitch, John DiPietro, Brooke Morett, Shawnequa Carvalho, Drew Jackson, Carol Newell, Virginia Rossi, Diane Stevens, Mayor Wallace, Angela Donato, Donna Rullo and Alicia Melson.

Absent: Pat Madden, Toby Haley, Sandy Conlin and Randee Davidson.

The meeting was called to order by Josh Aronovitch at 6:06 p.m.

Josh took the time to go over our Purpose and Mission Statement – “NO ONE FIGHTS ALONE”.

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the March 7, 2016 Meeting. Motion by Drew Jackson, seconded by Shawnequa Carvalho. Motion passed.

There was a small discussion on the remaining Meeting dates, which will be in September and November. It was noted that there was no Meeting in April 2016.

It was also mentioned that our web site is currently being updated by Denise in the Mayor's Office.

Municipal Alliance Coordinator's Report: There was no report.

Super Saturday: Super Saturday will be held on May 7, 2016. A general discussion on the trying to get the word out, letting more people know about Saturday and who we are. We are hoping to have a banner for next year's event, so that it can help advertise about the day and its purpose.

There will be tents set up for the vendors, including the Rotary Club for the collection of food. Drew will have two (2) barrels at each station (Rotary and Municipal Alliance).

There also was a discussion on the location of the tents in the park on Saturday and where different vendors would be. Mayor Wallace was trying to get this information for us.

In previous years there were shirts and Josh was to confirm whether Pat had them.

There will be children performing on Saturday from the school system.

Mayor Wallace talked to us about speakers that were to be there on Saturday.

It was also mentioned that there was a need for more members to volunteer on Saturday.

John DiPietro informed us that Walgreen's is having a program coming up to distribute Narcan.

Mother's Cupboard: Drew Jackson reported that we have received two (2) new shopping carts for the Cupboard. We are now setting up each Thursday with eight (8) tables with signs letting the people know that there are limits on fresh product. There was a general discussion about various issues and how the Cupboard works.

Washington Township Boys & Girls Club: Gloria Goode updated us on the progress of the Township having a Boys & Girls Club. We are looking to find a location for the Club. Drew Jackson mentioned that Holly Dell Ice Rink has a third addition that is empty of approximately 15,000 square feet. Gloria reminded everyone that we are involved in supplying funds for the proposed Club. We are also looking at starting this at the Middle School level.

Mayor Wallace informed us that the program will start at the Orchard Valley Middle School. They are getting a new Principal and they are waiting to speak with him. Mayor Wallace would like to have two (2) functions/programs at the Park. She also went over past events with the Boys & Girls Club Director to decide if it is feasible to us to have this program. We also need to involve the School Superintendent.

On May 23, 2016, Gloucester County Boys & Girls Club are having their 8th annual Swing for Kids.

Robert Taylor, the Executive Director, will speak to us at our September 12th Meeting.

General: We had two members, John Tucker and Michelle Perez of the Municipal Alliance of Williamstown, come in to speak about their upcoming program "Hidden in Plain Sight". This program is to help parents know how to look for drugs in their child's room. They will have a bedroom set up and a list to review to try to find the drugs.

Gloria wants to look into Parent to Parent Program for our Municipal Alliance Grant.

Adjourned: Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by Alicia Melson, Secretary