

Senior Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 19, 2008  
2:00 PM  
Hopewell Valley Senior Center

Attending: Lawrence Mansier, Jean Harrington, Bob Riley, Virginia Silliphant,  
Nils Stout, Anne Bolick, Severino DiCocco, Joel May

Excused: Bill Farmer

Abigail Waugh– Senior Coordinator

Weed Tucker – Pennington Council, Barbara Clancey, Rebecca Lynn and Helen Lee

The Meeting was brought to order at 2:21 by Chairman Mansier. Notice was made of meeting the Open Public Meetings Act requirements.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved upon adding Helen Lee, Weed Tucker and Vanessa Sandom to the list of attendees.

Coordinator: Abigail Waugh

- To no-ones surprise, attendance is picking up at the senior lecture series. Positive feedback was received on both Neil Tucker of the Arthritis Foundation and Dr. Gonzalez of Capital Health Systems.
- The April Caregiver Series will feature Let's Chat with Vivian Greenberg, Ham Radio talk with Don Wright, Hobbies Discussion, Memoir Class and CPR course courtesy Princeton Healthcare Systems
- Upcoming events are Swing Into Spring Gala (May 3), Hopewell Valley Seniors Connect (starting May 6 ) with Joel May, Senior Wellness Fair (May 28), and
- 4-H Program at Howell Living History Farm (June 8)
- A Needs Assessment evaluation is in progress to ascertain resources required for the proposed new Senior Center. This is being coordinated with the Health Department and YMCA to advise "heads-up" to the county for its consideration as a major source. A focus group will convene in May and discussion questions will be brought to the next SAB meeting for review.
- 43 rides were provided in February. A discussion was held with the provider to assess possibility of providing even more helpful transportation out of immediate area, particularly relating to health providers.

Chairman:

- Mr. Mansier shared several issues discussed in the Mercer County Advisory Board meetings of which he has become an established member
- Mercer County has proclaimed May as Older Americans Month. We will seek a proclamation from each of the three communities constituting Hopewell Valley.
- The county will become a repository for information and services supporting the elderly and the disabled.

- The first meeting of the Hopewell Valley Senior Foundation will be held upon Mr. Farmers return.
- Chairman Mansier reiterated the importance of having the Strategic Plan up to date and accurate along with a realistic needs assessment for the Township and other interested parties to use as an underpinning or foundation for the approach to Mercer County as provider of "seed money" to be matched by other entities.

Pennington Council:

Mr. Tucker very helpfully reviewed the physical status of the current Senior Center in the context of what issues still needed to be addressed and the likely source of solution.

New Business:

Rebecca Lynn made a brief presentation on behalf of Rely Properties LLC seeking support in securing two use variances from the Titusville Board of Adjustment in order to provide a senior apartment building consisting of 17 apartments (12 affordable) on River Road. For anyone wishing to support this, the meeting will be held Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15

Respectfully Submitted:

Bob Riley: Secretary

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 2:00 at the HV Senior Center