

## COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown

61 Durant Terrace – Recreation/Community Service Building

February 2, 2016

6:00 PM

**1. Members Present:** Marty Knight/Chairperson, Marie Hurley, Joe Carta – via conference call, Keith Vinci, Richard Pelletier, Elderrean Paules, August DeFrance

**Absent:** Phil Cacciola, Karen Nocera, Recreation/Community Services, Sky Binney – Youth in Government

**Staff Present:** Deb Stanley – Acting Director, Recreation/Community Services

**General Public:** Paiton Guevarez

**2. Meeting Called to Order:** Called to order at 6:02pm.

**3. Public Hearing:**

**4. Approval of Minutes:** *A motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 5, 2016, was made by August DeFrance and seconded by Elderrean Paules. The motion was passed.*

### Departmental Reports:

- Marie Hurley stated that the Mattabeset project is moving along. There was a meeting last week. They are anticipating that on May 25<sup>th</sup> the pipeline should be finished all the way. The bids should go out in March. A discussion ensued.
- Richard Pelletier announced that he is on the Citizen's Action Committee. They will be discussing HUD funds at the community meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Money is used for low income. An example of how the funds are distributed would be someone needing a ramp to be built. They would fill out an application and receive funding. ADA is a big part of this. The process takes about one year from when you apply for funding and to when you receive it. Richard works closely with Bruce Driska at Planning and Zoning. A discussion ensued.
- Elderrean Paules stated that Monarca Place is up to par and all set. A discussion ensued.
- Joe Carta stated that he is working with a builder on fixing the ramp at his residence. He is getting frustrated because it has taken so long to start and is not yet finished. Deb mentioned that Phil Cacciola asked her to report that he is working on the ramp issue with Dean Lisitano from the Building Department at City Hall and he is also working with the post office on the mailbox issue at Joe's house. Marie stated that the ramp is not secured to the ground properly and is very poorly built. There was discussion about who owns the land. If the Elks own the property, Keith suggested that we ask them to use some leverage to get the ramp fixed. Deb will speak to Phil and also try to find out about land ownership. A discussion ensued.
- Keith Vinci stated that he is on the Brownfields Committee. The committee will make recommendations about how to use the city's 280 acres of brownfields (contaminated land). Multi- purpose trails are a possibility on these lands. Keith questions his not having a disability and being on the committee. Deb mentioned that she recommended him because he sits on the CCPD committee and has an understanding of special needs. A discussion ensued.

### Old Business

**New Business:**

**Miscellaneous:**

- August DeFrance is concerned about access to Vet's park crossing Washington Street to Newfield Street. Deb stated that there is a curb cut out on the sidewalk on Newfield Street which allows access to Vet's park. Phil may know what the plans are. Marie mentioned that there is not a continuous sidewalk on Newfield Street and that forces students to walk in the road. August is concerned about track students from Mercy, Xavier & Vinal running 4 abreast in town and this is very unsafe. He wishes that they would run in Indian Hill Cemetery.

**Adjournment:** *A motion of adjournment was made by Marie Hurley and was seconded by Richard Pelletier. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bruni Runte