

COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
Agenda 5.14.2020 @ 6:30 PM
DUE TO COVID-19 THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA CONFERENCE CALL
At the scheduled time dial 1 (701) 802-5357 and enter access code 1411502#

Commissioner Marlo Matassa seated as chair called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Members Present

Marlo Matassa, seated as Chairman, Nancy Luddy, Barbara Cesanek
Doug Truitt, Staff Liaison

Absent

Robert Dombrowski

Audience of Citizens

Sal Calafiore

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the January 9, 2020 minutes made by Commissioner Cesanek and seconded by Commissioner Luddy, passed unanimously.

Election of Officers – tabled until next meeting.

Old Business

School Collaboration - Commissioner Luddy followed up with Linda Holian, Director of Pupil Services back in January. She reported that the school event would take place every other year bringing it to 2021.

Community Presentations (PTSD, ALS, TBI, etc.) - Doug Truitt reported that his friend Mag Dog would be interested in speaking at a presentation. Peter Zera, former board member was leading up this event and moved out of town. The board agreed that it would be beneficial to reach out to Peter for any ideas he might have been working on.

Commission for the Aging Collaboration - The senior housing project is still waiting for approval for the Knights of Columbus project. Doug Truitt reported that the need in the town seems to be non-age restricted affordable housing but the push for elderly housing.

Board Vacancy - Sal Calafiore is interested in filling the vacancy. He will be sending in an application to the Town Manager

New Business

Covid-19 and Disabilities Issues - Commissioner Luddy reported that her disabled daughter's program has been discontinued. Her daughter has missed the socialization immensely. She is grateful that the group has been able to have

some Google Hangouts. Doug Truitt expressed gratitude to all the teachers that have gone above and beyond to help students. There is a struggle with the lack of structure without classes.

Sal Calafiore expressed gratitude the teachers and therapists in the Berlin School systems. His daughter attends Willard Pre-school. His daughter hasn't been able to attend any therapy. The staff has reached out and provided much help to his family.

Verify Next Meeting – June 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment^[1]_{SEP} Motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm made by Commissioner Luddy and seconded by Commissioner Cesanek passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted, ^[1]_{SEP}

Marlo Thomas Matassa, Secretary