

Athens City Disabilities Commission Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2017

5:30 pm, Athens Community Center

Introductions:

Members Present: Lara Edge, Chair; Noah Trembly, Treasurer; Scott Dennis, HAVAR Director; Rose Dikis (calling in by phone) member; David McNelly, Vice Chair; Brian Bucher, Adyn's Dream; Berry Dilley,

Guests: Doug Brooks, Intervention Specialist with Federal Hocking School District; Bob Benz, AthensBikeandBrew.com (and Lara's husband); Rachel Szostek, Athens Area Mediation Services/Autism Society; Jessie Schmitzer, Athens transportation; Larry Jageman, emeritus, Challenged by Choice/Disability Speaks

New Business

- Athens Bike and Brew – Bob Benz, guest
 - o Offering to share booth and signage with Commission at Brew Week last call to promote awareness on July 22nd
 - Would need to develop information to share information – We have a brochure to update, and could share information about Disability Speaks and Challenged by Choice
 - Motion passes, Lara abstains
 - Athens Area Mediation Services
 - o Putt Putt Course on Dairy Lane – Putt People First– updated course this year
 - Athens Area Mediation does maintenance
 - Course is run by people with disabilities - open 4 to 8 pm, and noon to 8 pm on weekends
 - Should be made wheelchair accessible
 - Will cost money – partnering with City, look for other funding sources
 - Could use volunteers to do work, but costs can be high
 - o Motion to make a recommendation to the City Planning Committee to look into making the Putt Putt course wheelchair and disability accessible, possibly getting an estimate or to look at another location for a land swap. And to determine scope and cost of project.
 - May be better to build new at Community Center
 - Motion passes, all agree
 - Autism Society of Central Ohio –
 - o support group meetings are happening
 - o inclusive events scheduled
 - o This Saturday at 10 am sensory friendly event at the Athena movie theater – Cars III
 - o First Responder Training
 - July 24-30th Ohio Service Dog Awareness Week
 - o Education – community doesn't know the difference between service and support dog

- o Possibly to do awareness through one of the service dog organizations doing a flunky dog or dog in training
- Code enforcement of ADA
- o Would we like to do approval of new building plans
- o Work with the Safety and Services Director

Old Business

- Approval of minutes: tabled until August meeting when we can have printouts of the minutes
- Maxine Rantane of Cycle Path (Mayor's rep) and Brian Bucher have been approved as new members.
- Committee Reports
- o Athena Award – calls for nominations are going out – media releases – nominations are coming in. Deadline extended until July 15.
- Challenged by Choice and Disabilities Speaks
- o Continues to progress well, and meets monthly
- Accessibility Project
- o Chamber Meeting on June 14 update: Noah Trembly presented
- o Uptown Businesses volunteering to be a part of the pilot program include:
 - Ohio Realty
 - Broneys
 - College Book Store
 - South Ohio History Center
 - Little Professor
 - The Union Bar
- o Presentation went great – good response

Announcements

Stableaccount.com is a good resource for saving money without risking Medicaid benefits

Next meeting: Aug. 16