

Doylestown Township Veterans Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2022

Mr. Susessength opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

In attendance: Chris Suessenguth, Chairman; Katherin Wirth-Torrente, Vice Chairman; Bill Navarre, Secretary; Stephanie Mason, Township Manager; Stacy Crandell, Assistant Township Manager, Ryan Manion, Supervisor Liaison.

Guests: Megan McCuen – YMCA Program Director Veterans Wellness Program

Discussion:

Minutes from the July 28, 2022, VAC meeting was reviewed. On motion by Mr. Suessenguth and seconded by Mrs. Wirth-Torrente the minutes were unanimously approved.

Mr. Navarre introduced Megan McCuen, Director of Wellness at the YMCA who introduced the YMCA's program for Veterans and spouses/partners that has been made available at local YMCA locations which is provided by the YMCA, free of charge. The program provides a complimentary 12-week family membership, weekly Zoom sessions and in person exercise opportunities, pre/post survey and "In Body Scans". The YMCA link will be made available to the Doylestown Township website.

Mrs. Wirth-Torrente opened conversation to finalize plans for the Triangle Park grounds maintenance project to plant mums at the park in preparation for the November 11, 2022 "Veterans Day Event". Mr. Suessenguth will contact administration at "Kutz Elementary School" and Mrs. Wirth-Torrente will follow up with her administration contact at "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" school to coordinate students' involvement at the event. Mr. Suessenguth will coordinate with the office of Congressman Fitzpatrick to inquire about the appearance possibility of a representative appearing at the event. It was suggested that Mrs. McCuen be invited to the event.

New Business:

Ryan Manion commented on the "Travis Manion 9-11 Hero Run" which will be held on October 9, 2022 and the possibility of the VAC having an information table at the event. Mr. Navarre and Mr. Suessenguth expressed interest in volunteering at the event and was told their interest would be relayed to Julie Wetherill who is the event organizer.

Mr. Suessenguth, Mrs. Mason, and Ms. Crandell introduced further discussion for the possibility of the Township in preparing future media segments, introducing VAC to the community, which would involve website development and possible information links to be added to the website.

Adjournment:

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM on motion of Mr. Suessenguth, seconded by Mr. Navarre. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

William C. Navarre, Jr.
VAC Secretary.