

# COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES

City of Middletown

61 Durant Terrace

February 1, 2022

6:00 PM

**1. Members Present:** Marty Knight/Chairperson, Phil Cacciola, Elderrean Paules, Richard Pelletier, Keith Vinci.

**Absent:** Joe Carta, August DeFrance and Joseph Bibisi

**Staff Present:** Catherine Lechowicz – Director of Recreation and Community Services

**General Public:** none

**2. Meeting Called to Order:** Called to order at 6:03pm.

**3. Public Hearing:**

**4. Approval of Minutes:** *A motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 2, 2021, was made by Phil Cacciola and seconded by Richard Pelletier with a correction stating that “the green envelope program is to help those drivers who are deaf and the blue envelope program is for those with other disabilities”. Elderrean Paules abstained. The motion carries.*

## Departmental Reports:

- Elderrean Paules stated that there are 2 vacant apartments at Monarca Place. At Monarca Place, they did an energy audit specifically for water and lights. A discussion ensued.
- Richard Pelletier gave an update on the Beman School, Recreation Department, and 80 Harbor Park. There was a discussion on ADA accessibility of 80 Harbor Park and ensuring that it is accessible. A discussion ensued.
- Phil Cacciola stated that he thought that the guys from Public Works have done a great job on clearing the roads, sidewalks and curb cut outs. Also, if anyone complains about the roads or curb cut outs then we should reach out to Chris Holden from Public Works. The generator at Monarca Place is moving along per the housing authority. A discussion ensued.
- Keith Vinci had nothing to report.
- Cathy stated there were no significant ADA issues to report.

## Old Business:

## New Business:

## Miscellaneous:

- There was a discussion regarding the area of accessibility that cannot be accessed at Pat Kidney Field. There is an arm that is in the down position thereby preventing access to between 5-6 handicapped parking spaces. A discussion ensued.
- *A motion was made to accept the 2022 CCPD Calendar schedule by Richard Pelletier and seconded by Keith.*
- Cathy stated that she will check on the issue of term limits for city committees.
- Molly Carta was mentioned as a possible replacement for the Committee Concerning People with Disabilities.

**Adjournment:** *A motion of adjournment was made by Elderrean Paules and was seconded by Richard Pelletier. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bruni Runte