

## HOPEWELL VALLEY SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD

### Minutes Wednesday July 15, 2015

Members attending Larry Mansier, Pat Ferraro, Rosaline Fleming, Nils Stout, Weed Tucker, Sonny Ponebianco. Others attending, Pennington Boro Liaison, Joe Lawver, Hopewell Twp. Liaison, Harvey Lester, Hopewell Boro Liaison Chris Fossil, Senior Services Coordinator, Abigail Meletti,, Absent Stan Saperstein, , Anne Bolick, Jean Harrington

Call to order: 2:10

Notice of public meeting was met

Minutes: The minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### Coordinator's Report

Abigail Meletti reported that the Hopewell Valley Senior Foundation purchased new bingo cards for the Senior Center.

See also July Coordinator report.

#### Chair Report

Larry Mansier discussed the replacement of the chairs in the senior center. The Hopewell Valley Senior Foundation is looking into a grant from Bunbury to replace them.

Larry asked that if anyone knew of someone who might teach an Explorations course,

#### Liaison Report

Harvey Lester, Hopewell Township liaison, reported that Sansone Pacific has responded to the letter which we had written concerning the senior center. They stated that they were unaware that the Senior Board wanted to move quickly on new senior center. But, they have taken no further action at this time.

Joe Lawver, Pennington Borough liaison, stated that Pennington Borough will be having one of a concert series at Howe Commons this coming Thursday night.

Chris Fossil, Hopewell Borough liaison, introduced himself to the group.

#### Old Business

There was a prolonged discussion both on the fate of the proposed (1) Scotch Road site and the future of the present (2) Senior Center in Pennington.

(1) The Scotch Road site has a building which can be retrofitted in a relatively short time. Reminder was made that “relatively” is not time specific. Two years ago, it appeared we were “relatively” ready to all but move into the Scotch Road site. Hopewell Township’s efforts to close the deal with the present owners, Sansome Pacific Properties, have so far, not met with success..

(2) The present Senior Center building in Pennington has only one room available for activities. To add space would require reconstruction which would shut the building down with the commensurate impact on the county’s senior lunch program and the many activities which take place at the facility.

There was an agreed upon frustration. However, the group expressed a determination to see things through to a successful conclusion though the means to accomplish this are yet to be found.

New Business

Plans for a proposed baby shower for Coordinator Meletti proved incompatible with Public Employee law.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:35

Next Meeting: August 19, 2015

Respectfully submitted by Pat Ferraro  
Additions by Larry Mansier