

Human Relations Commission Meeting

February 27, 2024 | 6:30 P.M.

Via Zoom

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The February 2024 meeting of the Human Relations Commission was called to order with the following members of the commission in attendance: David Devore, Donna Fann Boyle, James Henderson, Alexander Kaback, Namish Siddiqui, David Tilli and Rachel Zinman. Also in attendance were Supervisor Bernadette Hannah, Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Kuhls and Parks and Recreation Programmer Nicole Tener.

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting were approved by unanimous vote on motion of Mr. Devore with a second by Ms. Fann Boyle.

3. Upcoming Events/Proclamations

Ms. Teoli Kuhls reported that the Board of Supervisors will proclaim March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. She also led discussion about HRC attendance/participation in the March meeting for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The meeting will be held on March 11th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Henderson indicated he would be able to participate via Zoom. Mr. Devore, Ms. Fann Boyle and Mr. Tilli will be in attendance in person.

Ms. Teoli Kuhls reported that the PHRC has agreed to bring the "Beloved Community" tour to Middletown Township. After group discussion, it was agreed that April 30th was the preferred date.

The group discussed participation in the upcoming Bucks County Culture Fest which will be held on April 27th.

4. Other Business

Subcommittee Reports – Anti-racism Subcommittee

Members of the subcommittee noted the following:

- May will be designated by Board of Supervisors as Jewish American Heritage Month.
- There has been little progress on the idea of developing a plan for an art exhibition at the Township Building.
- Invitation to the police department to present to the HRC to discuss antisemitism and hate

crimes. Ms. Teoli Kuhls will invite Chief Bartorilla to the April or May meeting.

- Ms. Fann Boyle made a connection with the library in Langhorne and is working to set up a table regarding Jewish culture and Native culture.

Subcommittee Reports – Disability Awareness Subcommittee

Mr. Henderson updated the group on the “Best Buddies” program and noted that he is working to learn more about sharing this in the Middletown community. He also requested continued utilization of the township’s communication channels to promote disability awareness and provide resources to the community.

Mr. Henderson shared information regarding his proposed presentation to the Board of Supervisors in March.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.