

Minutes

Commission for the Disabled

Mon., Sep. 12 2016, small conference room, 5:00 pm.

Present:

D. Ciota, T. Phillips, G. Romero, C. Calabro, C. Santori, Sean Santori (guest), E. Pearson.

Convened: 5:03

1. The minutes of the Jun. 13 meeting were modified, then accepted (moved: G. Romero).
2. E. Pearson reported on the building code in use in Ridgefield -- 2005. He is informed by State authorities that they will work this autumn to update the code to the new international code which reflects ADA requirements. The 2010 code is not believed to incorporate many changes to physical building requirements.
3. Despite School Superintendent Karen Baldwin naming Joe Morits (Facilities Manager for the district) as our contact person for needed information, he has not responded to numerous messages left by two of our commissioners. For that reason Commissioner Signorelli will be contacting the superintendent. This information is required for this Commission to move forward toward an ADA self-assessment for Ridgefield.
4. On Labor Day, a disabled 5K runner discovered that the porta-potty was not Accessible. We discussed how this situation could be avoided in the future.
5. C. Santori plans to investigate the Paragolfer (golf cart for disabled) as a possible item for a newspaper article.
6. T. Phillips reported that State authorities were favorably impressed by progress in Ridgefield on ADA issues.
7. Priorities for this Commission in 2016-2017: pursuing the ADA self-assessment for Ridgefield -- buildings, programs and facilities.
8. Adjourn: 6:05

W. Kenyon, secretary

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