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**GREENFIELD COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ACCESS**

**Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room**

Minutes of Tuesday, March 20, 2018

**\*\*\* 1:00 p.m. \*\*\***

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Lynne Kelley at 1:12 p.m. with the following members:

**Members Present:**

Lynne Kelley, Chair

Virginia DeSorgher

Cynthia Dodge

**Others Present:**

Laurie DiDonato, Clerk

Margot Campbell, potential member

Patricia Mullins, Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) consultant

Will Sekula, BRPC consultant

Rebecca Haight, BRPC consultant

Peg McDonough, BRPC consultant

ADA Transition Plan:

BRPC consultants discussed their strategy for completing the ADA Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan which is underway. They have 5-6 staff people on their team including BJ Church, building commissioner, who will assess buildings, and Eammon Coughlin, Senior Transportation Planner, and Will Sekula, who will look at sidewalks and curb cuts, and will consult with Nic Reitzel the city engineer. Rebecca Haight and Peg McDonough are also part of



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the team. Pat encouraged CDA members to collect any issues they are aware of and provide them to her. A second public meeting is planned at the next Council on Aging monthly meeting – April 26<sup>th</sup> 2pm in the Community Center.

Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION:** Moved by DeSorgher, seconded by Dodge, and voted 3:0 to approve the Minutes from November 21, 2017 as amended.

**Meeting Space Change** – It was proposed by DeSorgher to move the meeting space to the Community Center as it is more comfortable. All were in agreement to ask for availability of the space.

**Treasurer’s Report for Commission’s account funds and handicapped parking fund** – Kelley updated the Commission. She stated the CDA account contains \$297.00, and the handicap parking fund contains \$674.22. The handicap parking fund comes from handicapped parking fines and is for funding disability issues in Greenfield.

**Personal Emergency Preparedness Program** – The Commission would like to have this program at the JZ Community Center in the end of summer or fall. The committee must contact MOD two months before a desired date to set it up. MOD hosts the Personal Emergency Preparedness Program meetings for communities to prepare persons with disabilities for an emergency. They bring together people with disabilities, local emergency planners, and first responders. Members of the disability community learn about the personal steps they can take to prepare for different emergency situations. MOD gives participants planning guides to help in this process. First responders and emergency planners



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learn about making more accessible community preparedness plans. MOD will also hand out guides for first responders on how to interact with people with disabilities in an emergency.

**Garden Cinema access update** – Kelley and DeSorgher visited the cinema to evaluate upgrades that were supposed to have been made. Kelley put together a status report based on this visit and DeSorgher had many pictures to document the continued accessibility issues. Some examples of what they found included: Lift does not work on electric chair, emergency exits are not accessible. It has been 3 years since the original complaint. The commission would like to take steps to make sure the required changes are enforced.

**MOTION: Moved by DeSorgher, seconded by Dodge, and voted 3-0 that Kelley will contact Jeff Dougin and the Architectural Access Board to give a status update on the accessibility issues at the Garden Cinema.**

Next Meeting:

1:00 PM on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, location not confirmed.

Adjournment:

**MOTION: Moved by DeSorgher, seconded by Dodge, and voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie DiDonato  
Liaison to Commission on Disability Access