

Draft Minutes
**Mansfield Advisory Committee on
Persons with Disabilities**
Meeting of January 28, 2014

Present: Fred Goetz (Chairman), Carole Masters, Kristopher Perry and Imanuel Wexler

Present by Invitation: Donna Korbelt, Patricia Schneider

The meeting was called to order in Conference Room B in the Audrey Beck Building by Chairman Goetz at approximately 2:30 p.m. Ms Schneider reviewed the current list of committee members and noted that there was a quorum. It was also pointed out that Ms Schneider and Korbelt were non-voting "members" of the committee, acting in an advisory/liason capacity.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the committee's last meeting (on March 13, 2014) were unanimously approved.

New Business:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Chairman Goetz was unanimously elected to serve another one-year term as Chairman of the committee, such term to end automatically upon the 2015 election of officers. A discussion followed about the advisability of electing additional officers. It was informally agreed that Ms Schneider would check to see if there were any requirements for election of additional officers. If there are any, the committee will fill the required positions at its next meeting; the committee decided not to elect any additional officers at this time.

A discussion ensued about the appropriate calendar for additional meetings. It was informally agreed to set the dates for a minimum number of meetings and then call special meetings if and to the extent the need arises. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed that subsequent meetings would be scheduled for the following Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m., such meetings to be held in Conference Room B:

May 27, 2014
September 23, 2014
January 27, 2015

Ms Schneider then updated the committee on personnel changes in the Human Services staff.

Old Business:

A question was raised about what happened to the suggestion of a ramp for Mansfield Supply. Mr. Wexler explained that the store had determined that the cost of such a ramp and the resulting loss of parking spaces made such a project inappropriate.

Questions were also raised about handicapped access to the new Price Choppers. Following a discussion of what was known, what suggestions had been made and declined (an elevator), and

possible alternatives for the store to follow to help shoppers to and from the lower parking lot, it was informally agreed to take a “wait-and-see” approach, revisiting the subject again once the store is open.

An informal discussion was held about: 1. the direction the committee should take (the level of activism and the extent to which the committee should merely passively receive and investigate concerns versus seeking them out); and 2. the advisability of adding new members. No resolution was attempted with respect to the first issue. With respect to the second, Ms Korbelt offered to find one or more university students with disabilities who might be interested in serving on the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole A . Masters
Acting Secretary