



Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Attendees: Angela Andre, Jim Curnal, Donna Faulkenberry, Bob Hilse, Eddie Lesko, Karen Masucci, Amanda Perelman, Elena Persico, Jenny Tedesco, Rob Wait

Call to Order: 6:58pm

Review of Minutes: August 13, 2025 minutes were reviewed. Angela noted that A3 United was not listed as a previous sponsor of the 5K. Last month's minutes were corrected. Motion to accept the minutes by Bob. Seconded by Angela.

Movie Night Recap: Friday, August 29, 7:30 pm- SHS senior parking lot.

We had approximately 125 attendees. FunFlicks brought the smaller 32 foot screen rather than the 40 foot. It was a great size for the audience. FunFlicks didn't charge us for the generator and we will get a credit towards our next rental. Donna suggested we consider purchasing a screen and all the components which are over \$3,000. We will save money after two years of not having to rent. The concerns are setting it up and storage.

9/11 Vigil: Thursday, September 11, 7:00 pm- 9/11 Memorial.

Krista Masucci will sing *The National Anthem*, the mayor will say an introduction, five local ministers will say prayers and offer blessings, and the senior chorus will sing two songs. The fire truck and EMS will be there. It should end by 7:45 pm.

Spotswood 5K; Saturday, September 13, 7:30 am- SHS Softball Fields.

Angela was able to get food items donated from Shoprite, Panini Bistro, Manhattan Bagel, A3 United, and Jersey Mike's. Karen had blue t-shirts printed by Alexa at Sticker Chick. Bob has the bibs and pins. The table and chairs going to Burlington and Madie Avenues should be dropped off at the SHS softball fields by 7:00 am. Karen will contact John Mayer about this. Shoprite usually donates bananas and apples, but this year they are donating water bottles. We will buy bananas and oranges from Shoprite. Karen will call them tomorrow and ask for a box of each. Angela will pick them up at 6:30 am on Saturday. We haven't heard back from Jose Rivera regarding CERT controlling traffic. Karen will ask Fred to help get a response. In addition to the resident registrations, we have 40 SHS cross-country participants and 20-30 students from Memorial. We may also have students coming from the magnet school. We will bring the red 5K shirts also in case we run out of the blue. We can order more shirts after the event if we need. Bob said all volunteers should meet at the SHS softball fields at 7:15 am. The registration app is called Race Day Checkin.

Vendor Fair: Saturday, September 13, 9:00 am- Municipal Building.

Eddie had said that as of now, we have 22 vendors registered. Karen designed a program sheet listing the vendors. Set up will be at 8:00 am. Eddie has to leave at 8:30 am and will be back at 10:00 am. Elena will be at the Girl Scouts table but she will also be available if any other vendor needs help.

Adult Volleyball: Wednesdays, September 24 through June 10, 7:00 - 9:00 pm- Memorial gym.

This is run by Chuck Hager. Karen gave him sign in sheets and waiver forms.

Adult Basketball: Thursdays, September 25 through June 11, 7:00 - 9:00 pm- Memorial gym.

Rob will run this program. When he's not available, Karen will cover for him.

Kids' Basketball: Tuesdays, September 30 through November 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm- Memorial gym.

Theresa will run it. As of now, we have 23 registrants. Registration closes next Monday night, September 15.

Oktoberfest: Friday, October 3, 6:00 - 9:00 pm- Municipal Building.

We have seven food trucks coming- four dinner and three dessert. We also have 15 community groups coming. Project Senior Week 2026 was just added. The Knights of Columbus will have a beer truck. Donna ordered the items for the sensory table. We will set that up near the Rec table and away from the deejay.

Community Yard Sale: Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12.

We have 20 registrants so far. The flyer has been posted on Facebook and emailed to our contacts.

Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 25, 3:00 - 5:00 pm- Municipal Building.

Jen suggested we mail out the bingo cards to residents as their ticket to enter the event. The idea is to keep it to Spotswood residents. Karen will check with Kayla Andrechick to see if the Junior parking lot is available. It's a larger space and we hope to attract more cars or tents to hand out candy.

Buddy Ball: Elena met with Jeff Bicsko who asked her to make flyers asking for coaches and students to volunteer. There are also DECA students who are interested in volunteering. We need someone at the program who is CPR certified. It would be better to have our program at Memorial than the high school. We could run a five-week program starting in January on Tuesdays from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Karen will reach out to Kayla Andrechick regarding Memorial gym's availability. We will set a specific age range for kids. Parents will be expected to remain at the events and not "drop and go."

East Spotswood Park: We have a \$79,000 grant for this project. Donna has two quotes and is waiting for the third. DPW will remove the old equipment.

Michael Road Park Pavilion: Amanda had asked about reserving the pavilion. We could set up a formal process and registration. How much do we charge? What do we put in a disclosure statement? What are the rules for alcohol? We would need to have a portable bathroom. Amanda said she'd check with her husband who is a fire marshal for the county.

NJ Devils Township Program: We could organize a trip for residents to a game. We would get discounted tickets from the Devils and not upcharge the residents as this would not be a fundraising event. We would have to ask the school district about the charge for using their buses.

Indoor Soccer: We need someone to run it. That includes arranging teams, getting coaches and referees. The program is designed for grades K through 5. Jen asked about having a program for younger children. Donna suggested that we set up a zoom meeting to see if there is interest for ages 2-4. Coaches and volunteers must be Rutgers certified.

Cookies with Mrs. Claus: Karen will reach out to Kara at the library to ask for dates. For Angela, before noon on December 6 or a Monday through Thursday evening works for her schedule.

Next meeting: October 8

Adjournment: 8:33 pm. Motion to adjourn by Bob. Seconded by Amanda.

Submitted by Karen Masucci on September 12, 2025