



AGENDA

Indiana Township Democratic Committee (“ITDC”)
Meeting 7:00 PM Tuesday January 17, 2022
Indiana Township Municipal Building - Town Hall Classroom
3710 Saxonburg Blvd, Pittsburgh PA 15238
Enter through community room entrance
The meeting is open to all visitors.

Committee:

Dist 1 - Amy Giammattei and Jonathan Spatz
Dist 2 - Vanessa Lynch and Ronald P Frank
Dist 3 - Barbara Cisek
Dist 4 - Sarah Hertweck and Philip R. Buchwalter
Dist 5 - Ellen Kight and David Allison
Treasurer: - Jim Mitnick
Adjunct Member – Richard Souza

Call to Order & The Pledge of Allegiance

- Item 1 **Minutes of November 15, 2022, meeting.** *See Attachment A*
- Item 2 **Actions Re: Election of IT Supervisors 2023**
- Item 3 **Discussion of Allegheny County elections 2023**
- Item 5.1 **Treasurer’s Report**
- Item 6 **Next Meeting** *Tuesday February 14, 2023*
- Item 7 **Any other business**
- Item 8 **Motion to adjourn**

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Attachment A

Indiana Township Democratic Committee (ITDC) Minutes Tuesday November 15, 2022

In attendance:

District 1 - Amy Giammattei and Jonathan Spatz
District 2 – Vanessa Lynch and Ronald Frank
District 3 – Barbara Cisek (on the phone)
District 4 – Philip Buchwalter
District 5 – Ellen Kight and Dave Allison
Treasurer – Jim Mitnick

Absent

District 3 – Pete Radich, Sarah Hertwick

Guest

Richard Souza, Indiana Resident, District 1

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance at 7:05 by Jonathan Spatz, Chair

Item 1: Minutes of the October 15, 2022. Ron made the motion with a second from Amy to approve the minutes. Approved.

Item 2: Roundtable review of the first 6 months of the new committee's tenure.

Lots of discussion regarding the success of the picnic, which was well organized, provided great visibility for both the Committee and the candidates and drew a number of young people and families to the event. Also see Attachment B: JS Comments

Item 3 – Review of polling count. Reviewed the Indiana Township Election results for Nov. 8, 2022 to see what the voting trends were in each district. Shapiro was the only candidate who managed to get crossover votes and Chris Deluzio lost 3 of the 5 Indiana Township voting districts. We need to do an evaluation of who voted in each district. Jim and Vanessa said they would work on this.

Item 4 – Plans for future outreach and events. Began discussion regarding recruitment and interviewing of candidates running for office in Indiana Township in the Spring Primary. Local offices included on the ballot will be Twp Supervisor and School Board (among others), and at the County level will include County Executive, County Controller and other Row offices as well



as County Council at-large seats. Ellen, Jim, and Phil said they would work on getting the full list of positions that will be on the ballot.

Agreed to talk more with Sarah and others re potential candidates. Perhaps we can have virtual meetings with people who are interested in running and provide help on how to run for office. Several organizations including Chatham University offer training on how to run for office to prospective candidates.

A recommendation was made to post our meeting information on the County Committee website.

Since the picnic was a success this year, the committee agreed to hold the picnic again at **Emerling Park on Saturday August 26, 2023.**

Item 5.1 Treasurer's Report

Item 5.2 Account of August 27 picnic cost

Jim Mitnick provided the Treasurer's Report for 11-15-22. The current balance is \$1,546.81. He provided a detail cost account for the Picnic in August which was \$3,977.41. Report is included as attachment C.

Item 6 – Any other business. Committee discussed adding Richard Souza as an adjunct member of the committee. Jonathan made the motion with a second from Barbara to make Richard Souza an adjunct member of the committee. Motion was carried.

Pete Radich is resigning as a committee member from District 3. The committee discussed a possible appointment of a new committee member for the district. Barbara had someone in mind and Jonathan agreed to contact that individual to see if there is any interest.

Item 7 – Next meeting – Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Item 8 – Motion to adjourn, 9pm



Attachment B

JS Comment for Agenda Item 2 ITDC meeting November 15, 2022

First and most importantly, very many thanks to all the committee members who contributed so much to the success of our first five months in operation from the June 13th organization meeting, with Jim Mitnick stepping up as treasurer, and Ellen Kight taking on secretary duties. Thank you all so much. And grateful thanks also to Kurt Lorence and Jon Kost attending our June 21 meeting – Jon zeroing in on August 27 for the ITDC picnic date, and Kurt designing the mailer. Thanks to Sarah and Vanessa for all the work that went into the splendid mailing campaign, and Jim Mitnick organizing the banking and contribution arrangements. Also Sarah and Jim for our Facebook and websites.

The picnic August 27th was a pronounced success. The presence of Austin Davis, Chris Deluzio, Lindsey Williams, and Mandy Steele made the event, and Ron's hotdogs were a big hit, and as were Phil's drinks. Thanks to Richard Souza for joining our August 16 meeting and his enthusiastic volunteering at the picnic, and all the way through placing candidate signs and sending thousands of texts leading up to the election.

Phil (District 4) was our No. 1 canvasser for three months before the election, closely followed by Jon Neuman (district 5). It looks like that effort may have been a factor in the payoff, as Districts 4 & 5 were the only clean sweep districts in all five of our races: Fetterman over Oz, Deluzio over Shaffer, Shapiro over Mastriano, Williams over Mizgorski, Steele over Thompson. And thanks to everyone of our committee and other volunteers who canvassed.

The in-person polling results were an eye opener. Only thanks to our voters' mail-ins were we able to prevail in 16 of the 25 contests in our five districts (five districts times 5 contests). I think our canvassing efforts payed off. It looks like we should try hard to make headway in Districts 1, 2 and 3 to catch up with Districts 4 and 5.

Takeaways from my canvassing in our five districts, plus Cheswick, Springdale and Natrona Heights are these:

- Door knock is a hard chore, but it is gratifying to see the encouragement it gives some Democratic voters
- We must recruit more volunteers to do door knocking with us.
- Without Mandy Steele's paid Field Director James Phillips, and the Minivan app they bought, we would have been lost, and possibly quite ineffective. We will need something like that for 2023 and 2024.

In summary, I believe we achieved our twin objectives of first, effectively countering, and sometimes swamping the opposition's candidate campaign sign placements, and second reaching out to contact as many Democrats as possible in Indiana Township, in person, by mail and social media.



Attachment C

Indiana Township Democratic Committee Treasurers Report – 11-15-22

Checking Account Balance – 11-15-22

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ACCOUNT INFORMATION

Available balance

\$1,546.81

Current balance

\$1,546.81

Pay interest to

This account

Pending Payment \$57.50 – 2 signs posted at Fairview School change to voting location

Summary of Summer Picnic Costs

Emmerling Ice Cream - js	\$214.00
American Flags - js	\$71.98
Party City Balloons - js	\$63.13
Lowes – hide electrical cable - js	\$17.62
ITDC Logo t-shirts - js	\$471.78
Brown Dog Banners Signs for Picnic – js	\$203.52
Birthday Cake Lindsey Williams – js	\$103.00
USA Flags – rf	31.83
Napkins – rf	\$2.00
Condiments – rf	\$20.97
Hot Dogs and Buns – rf	129.98
Ice – jm	22.00
Printing & Mailing – s	\$624.21
Printing & Mailing – s	\$1268.44
ELF Entertainment Bounce House – jm	\$732.95
Total Cost of Picnic	\$3977.41

James Mitnick

Treasurer – ITDC

11-15-22