



AGENDA

Indiana Township Democratic Committee (“ITDC”)

Meeting 7:00 PM Thursday February 16, 2023

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 Members: – Richard Souza (Dist. 1) and Jonathan Neumann (Dist. 5)

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**

Dist. 1 Kara Novogradac (*unable to attend on Feb 16.*)

Dist. 2 Nettie Owens

Dist. 3 Emily Cook

Dist. 4 Sarah Hertweck

Item 3 **Discussion of Allegheny County elections 2023 and candidates**

Shaler Jan. 15 Michael Lamb, Erin McClelland, Anthony DeLuca.

O’Hara meeting Feb. 9

Hampton Feb. 15

Item 4 Our community picnic plans for August 26, 2023

Activities and Budget

Item 5.1 **Treasurer’s Report**

Item 6 **Next Meeting** *Tuesday March 14, 2023*

The Town Hall Community Center Classroom booked as follows:

Tuesdays, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13, 7/11, 8/8, 9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12

All dates are reserved for 7pm -9pm.

Item 7 **Any other business**

Item 8 **Motion to adjourn**

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Attachment A

MINUTES

Indiana Township Democratic Committee
Tuesday January 17, 2023
Indiana Township Municipal Building

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:

Dist. 4- Sarah Hertweck, and Philip Buchwalter
Dist. 5 - David Allison

Adjunct committee member:

Richard Souza, District 1

Call to Order by Chairperson and Pledge of Allegiance: at 7:02pm by Jonathan Spatz

Item 1: Minutes of Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Motion made by Ron with a second by Barbara to approve the minutes. Motion was approved.

Item 2: Actions Re: Election of IT Supervisors 2023. Committee welcomed guests, Jon Neuman, Twp. Supervisor District 5, Kara Novogradac, Twp. Resident District 1 and later in the meeting Nettie Owens, Twp. Resident, District 2. The first topic of discussion was to learn more about potential candidates who are going to run for Twp. Supervisor in Districts 1,2,3,&4. Jon Neuman is very interested in working with the committee to support strong democratic candidates and offer advice and assistance based upon his own experience in running for office and knowledge of potential candidates.

Kara introduced herself and provided her background in both public policy and public affairs in San Jose California and other areas across the country. She is a Twp. resident with two twin girls in 9th grade in the Fox Chapel School District. She is considering running for Supervisor in District 1 and has a home at 219 Ridgehaven in District 1. She is also interested in helping the committee recruit candidates and offering support.

A little later in the meeting, Nettie Owens joined. Several had mentioned her as a possible candidate. She introduced herself and is considering running for Supervisor in District 2.



Discussion continued regarding the possibility of Emily Cook who had expressed preliminary interest in running for Supervisor in District 3, although that had yet to be confirmed. In addition, Sarah Hertweck will be running for reelection in District 4.

The committee talked about ways in which we can assist all of these candidates in their campaigns through picking up and circulating petitions. **The first day to pick up petitions is February 6. The first day to begin circulating petitions is Feb. 14. The last day to file petitions is March 7th by 5pm.**

In addition to the Supervisor positions, both Ron Frank and Vanessa Lynch (committee members) are running for re-election to the Fox Chapel Area School District Board. Barbara Cisek offered to have her son help with the process of filing petitions if needed. Jonathan will get petitions, 2 each, for Vanessa and Ron for School Board and 2 petitions each for Nettie and Kara for Twp Supervisor. Each of these petitions require 10 signatures, from people who are registered democrats and reside in the district that the candidate is running in.

Item 3. Discussion of Allegheny County Elections 2023. The committee talked about the positions that are open for Allegheny County office and what other County Democratic Committees are planning to do to meet the candidates. The Fox Chapel committee is already planning a candidate's night for those running for County Executive. The committee thought it would be a good idea to join Fox Chapel and other neighboring committees in this event. Jonathan will contact Allison Stein regarding joining in the event.

The Allegheny County Democratic Committee Endorsement meeting for Countywide candidates will be held on March 5. Several volunteered to get a list of the Allegheny County races that will be on the ballot this spring.

Item 4. Treasurer's report. Jim Mitnick reported that there is \$1489.00 in the bank.

Item 5. Next Meeting. Thursday Feb. 16, 2023 (note this is a different date due to Valentines Day on Feb. 14 which would be our regular meeting day.)

Item 6. Any other business. Motion was made by Ron with a second by Amy to make Jon Neuman an adjunct member of the Committee. Motion was approved.

Item 7. Motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm

Respectfully Submitted: Ellen Kight, Secretary