

**City of Lambertville  
Human Rights Council  
7:00 PM, Tuesday, September 27, 2016  
City Hall, 18 York Street, Lambertville, NJ**

**MINUTES**

**STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE.**

Mr. Woods called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and read a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, noting that the newspapers received the meeting notice, the meeting agenda was posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall and on the city's website on Friday, September 23, 2016.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mr. Woods led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL.**

Mr. Woods called the roll as follows:

Present: Bruce Cocuzza, Beth Caruso, Helen T. (Bambi) Kuhl, and John Woods.

Absent: Christine Miller, Kari Osmond, Steven Stegman, Daniel Seiter, Beth Asaro, Cynthia Ege.

**MEETING MINUTES.**

Mr. Woods asked for a motion to approve the 05-24-16 Meeting Minutes. Mrs. Kuhl made a motion to approve the May 24, 2016 meeting minutes. Ms. Caruso seconded the motion. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS.**

Ideas for Focus Areas for the HRC.

Mr. Woods asked for some input on focus areas. Discussion ensued. The following topics are of interest: Spanish to English Class, Vandalism and Town Watch (Hunterdon County CERT Team), Proclamations, LGTBQ.

Mr. Woods informed the members of the Human Rights Council present that he would like to move forward with planning a Community Event which will be open to the members of the public.

Considerations include:

Place: City Park. *Note: if it is at the park, it will require approval of the Recreation Commission. They meet the second Wednesday of each month.*

Time of Year: Spring 2017

Topic: Inclusion

Helen T. (Bambi) Kuhl has agreed to chair the event. The HRC will form a group to work on this project.

### **OLD BUSINESS.**

Police Director's Presentation: Legal Limits for Immigrants (documented and undocumented), what can the police do, what can't they do? How do they determine status?

The Police Director, Bruce Cocuzza, was present to discuss Legal Limits for Immigrants.

Discussion ensued. Legal status has been identified as a barrier to inclusion for many immigrants. What do immigrants fear? Police cannot inquire about legal status unless the person commits a serious crime. This does not include DUI.

Inclusion – John Woods.

Mr. Woods informed the members of the Commission present that he would meet with Fisherman's Mark, the local Churches, Lambertville Social Services about important services needed for residents.

Meeting Schedule – John Woods.

Mr. Woods informed the members of the HRC present that he would like to set a regular meeting schedule that can be advertised to encourage the public to attend. He would like to meet every other month.

### **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Martin J. Lewis sent an email asking for the HRC Meeting Schedule.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with a motion made by Bruce Cocuzza and seconded by Beth Caruso. An affirmative voice vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen T. Kuhl, Vice Chairperson