



West Norriton Township Human Relations Commission

Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2022

The West Norriton Township Human Relations Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on 3/24/22 by Joan Wurzel.

Present: Joan Wurzel, Anne Pavone, Walt Smith, Shelly Wilson, Harma Ellens
Apologies: Karen Hayman, Avery Manning, Dwayne Mosier
Guest: John Walko, Township Solicitor

Review of:

Minutes of Feb meeting:

- No minutes issued

The 2018 Ordinance extending protected classes in the township

The creation of the commission and its function:

- The above 2 items were reviewed with valuable input from John Walko

Old Business:

Review of training session with Stacey Waters

- Training session reviewed

Form for complaint to the website

- Completed, form on website

More training

- More training desired, see action items below

The municipality index scorecard – report from Harma

- Township HRC can request to be listed with an MEI (Municipal Equality Index) score on the Human Rights Campaign website. The process is

described in this link: https://www.hrc.org/resources/submit-a-municipality-to-be-rated?_ga=2.198412207.1281824721.1648515550-476340183.1648515550

Potential events/civic meetings we could attend - brainstorm

- Not addressed at this meeting. Note that East Norriton Township very active in community

Progress on Brochure

- In process

Other

- Link to list of PA municipalities with an HRC commission, as well as the associated non-discrimination ordinances:
<https://payoutcongress.org/localnondiscrimination/>

New Business:

Complaints received

- No complaints received

Other

Public comments:

None received

Action items

Look into availability of mediation training (Joan Wurzel)

Review PHRC (Joan Wurzel)

Review of ADA and Fair Housing Act (unassigned)

Prepare list of questions to be answered to get Township MEI score on Human Rights Campaign website (Harma Ellens)

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: April 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Harma Ellens