

Community Center Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Ridgewood, N.J.

January 22, 2026

In attendance: Gwenn Hauck, Deanna Schablik, Mayor Paul Vagianos, Liz Kloak, Claudia Fortunato (via Zoom), Sheila Brogan, Cathy Greve, JoAnn Archer, Anna Salerno (via Zoom), Beth Abbott (via Zoom).

5:12 p.m. Call to Order

Minutes—For the minutes of the 11/20/2025 meeting Cathy motioned we accept, Sheila seconded and all approved.

Treasurer's Report—

- The Foundation main account now has a balance of about \$3823, up from \$2711 on 11/20/25. There were expenditures for the December Lunch and Learn. The next Lunch and Learn is being financed by a private donation and some funds contributed to us from the Ridgewood Run.
- The Foundation Taub account now has \$5814.16. Deducted from that will be a check to Beth to reimburse her for a year of monthly web hosting fees (\$36.22/month, Adobe for use for newsletter creation (\$21.21/month), and Zoom software (\$170.49). Total Disbursement will be \$860.85.
- Deanna has a tithing check for about \$250 and suggests we give half to Paramus Church to thank them for hosting the Elder Dinner. All in favor.
- We are still in need of and actively looking for a new Treasurer.

Old Business

- Gwenn spoke about the Community Center Campaign, referred to as “the project” in the grant agreement. There have been some changes to the agreement and three Ridgecrest Foundation Board members are in favor and are asking the rest of the Board to approve. The donation amount was increased from \$150K to \$231K, or 3 installments of \$77K each. The

installments will be paid at the beginning, middle and end of “the project”. The Village promises \$75K each year for 3 years for new salaries. Approval of all above will be known by Friday.

- Next Wednesday January 28 at the Village Council workshop meeting there will be a presentation by CCAB Foundation members, and someone from the Ridgcrest Foundation will be there and they will be publicly thanked. Supporters are encouraged to attend.
- The Community Center may be unavailable from June through September, alternate locations were and will be discussed.

Lunch and Learns and other Fundraising—Liz Kloak

- The January Lunch and Learn is scheduled for next Tuesday 1/27. Liz has arranged media to cover. It was decided to delay this event due to the snow prediction. Deanna will email details for the rescheduled date.
- February there will not be a scheduled Lunch and Learn (although the 1/27 reschedule will likely be in February)
- The March 24 Lunch and Learn will be sponsored by Health Barn about nutrition. Anyone who can help prepare the soup please attend on March 21.
- We will take April off.
- For May Age Friendly will be the sponsor for the Lunch and Learn.
- Gwenn thanks Liz for her hard work on the Lunch and Learns.
- The fundraising letter campaign and the May wine and cheese event still need to be planned. It was discussed that we should try to raise the \$19k more to reach \$250 budget for the community center upgrade. Claudia suggests having specific items when asking for donations such as gym equipment, kitchen utensils, and scholarships for participants and teachers.

Age Friendly Ridgewood- Beth Abbott and Sheila Brogan

- Sheila reported that the Arts Council will present art and music by older adults at the Ridgewood Library in May. There will be a reception May 12.
- Beth talked about the interns working at the Health Department. One has moved to another town and Danielle is about to go out on maternity leave. We are unsure of her return status and AFR feels their contribution

to the community and older adults is important. Paul reports that this was discussed at budget meetings and the hope is to continue these positions.

Mayor's Report—Paul Vagianos

- The Mayor just got a call from an older resident looking for snow shoveling assistance. Deanna says that the CYC met and discussed this but found the logistics a challenge and have not yet launched this as a service. Deanna looked up some folks who may provide this service on the Ridgewood Moms and Dads Facebook page and will make those names available to us.

CYC Report-Nothing this week

Parks and Recreation Committee—Liz Kloak

- The committee meets next week. There have been leadership changes.

The next Meeting will February 26 at 5 pm.

6:09 p.m. The meeting was Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Beth Abbott.