Borough of Doylestown Human Relations Commission

Wednesday, June 22, 2022 – 7pm

Attendance: Borough Manager John Davis, Freda Savana, Fred Stanczak, Stephen Albert, Doreen Stratton, and Maxine Katz. Also in attendance were Mayor Noni West, Borough Council President Jack O'Brien.

The Minutes of the May 2022 meeting were approved as submitted.

Anti-Bullying Presentation. Maxine suggested a combined discussion with NOVA, The Rainbow Room and A Woman's Place to reach members of the community with education and resources regarding bullying. The group discussed what bullying really means and who best to aim the program to including the LGBTQ+ community. The group will reach out to their contacts to ask for their input. Mayor West suggested information on coping skills could be important, both for those being bullied as well as parents trying to help. Stephen has a psychologist contact through NOVA he can reach out to for some direction and information. The Commission is planning for an in-person presentation in October. Next month, all will report back with the results of their discussions with other groups. The group will discuss this by email.

Window Cling Program. John provided information on several possible sites to order the clings. Pricing is modest at about \$144, although the quality is unknown. A local printing company offered a price of \$836. All agreed it would be best to order online and see how the quality is. Once the clings are received, the group will share in the task of distributing them, along with a brochure, to businesses in town who would like to share their support of all community members. John will order them. Brochures can be printed in-house if possible. If not, they can be sent to a printer without an issue. The August meeting agenda will include more details on how to distribute the clings, with the July meeting being skipped for the summer.

Pride Recap. Stephen noted a new local newspaper available online called Tap Into Doylestown; the Pride Festival was covered thoroughly. Stephen was told there were about 4000 in attendance. Additionally, the Juneteenth festivities were very well attended.

New/Old Business. There will be a break for July.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Kramer
Minutes Secretary