

**Athens City Commission on Disabilities**  
**August 15, 2018**  
**Community Center**  
**5:30 p.m.**

In attendance: Lara Edge, Lisa Eliason, Maxine Rantane, Scott Dennis, Robin Brigante, David McNelly, Noah Trembly, Brian Bucher, Doug Brooks

Lisa Eliason presents on Ohio Sunshine Law and Ohio Ethics Code.

As the Law Director, she is available to answer questions that the commission might have.

We are doing the business of the public and we must post minutes. Anytime there is a quorum, we should have minutes.

Committees are subject to the law as well.

Committee Reports:

Accessibility- Parking meeting with sheriff and police chief - Trying to get schedules together of when it can take place. Next Accessibility Committee meeting is the 21st at the city building noon. (The third Friday of the month).

Communications- Athena Award notifications have gone out. Presentation for Integrate Athens is in the works.

Education and Events- ATCO event, Integrate Athens. We will make a call for membership at the event. 5:30-7:00 August 30th. Here at the Community Center building.

Advocacy- Noah went to the Ohio Candidate forum in Columbus and said he was disappointed that not all candidates showed.

Minutes:

Lara brings up a change to July minutes to add the ramp ordinance Pat McGee is trying to alter. Minutes approved with change? David motions, Scott seconds, approved.

New Business- Recognition of businesses for becoming accessible. How do we determine what qualifies for recognition?

What do we do with a business that has gotten negative press that might mean that a group of people who are not welcome. What is feeling safe? Does ADA cover things like autism spectrum disorders? We need to be fair and objective especially with the physical structure. Discussion centered around three levels of recognition, with the highest tier recognizing businesses that regularly train employees on inclusiveness.

Old Business - Take a copy of the Athena Award application and spread the word.

Meeting adjourned Motion for it- David motions, Brian second. All in favor. Adjourn 6:45 PM