

NORTHVILLE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 16, 2015
Northville Community Center

1. Call Meeting to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Mittman at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Dick Brown, Lesa Buckland, Sam Ekong, Richard Henningsen (absent), Mindy Herrmann, Bob Lipmyer, Jim Mazurek, Jerry Mittman, Andrea Murdock

Staff Members: Suzie Johnson, Jason Spiller

Guests: Genie Nehs

3. Announcements and Citizens Comments - None

4. Adoption of the Agenda

- Moved by Lipmyer & seconded by Jim Mazurek to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes

- There was a revision to the name of the church referenced in last month's minutes. Moved by Lipmyer and seconded by Buckland to approve the minutes, as amended, of the regular meeting held on March 19, 2015. Motion passed.

6. Monthly Report

A. Participation Report

- Participation rate overall has increased 11.6% year-over-year with attendance at the Friday movies increasing by 226%.
- There are 3 people who volunteer 3 times weekly to make telecare calls to seniors to ensure they are well.
- Baseball opening day had 65 participants watching the Tigers win.
- Through March, 190 people have had AARP complete their taxes.

B. Upcoming Events

- There are several speakers over the next couple of months discussing medical issues that impact seniors. Also, 3 trips are scheduled to watch the Detroit Tigers play.
- Johnson will be requesting volunteers for the June 3 Senior Fest.

7. Old Business

A. Donation Funds – Speaker Fee

- Johnson indicated that \$75 was paid to a speaker.

8. New Business - None

9. Reports

A. City Liaison Report – Sam Ekong

- Ekong mentioned that he attended the State of Northville presentation on April 15.
- There was a good discussion of both pros and cons regarding Proposal 1 on the ballot on May 5.
- Walkway by Comerica Bank is being decorated.
- There are several new businesses in town because of recent turnover.

- City is erecting several signs along major roads to help beautify the City and provide directions to points of interest for visitors.

B. Township Liaison Report – Mindy Herrmann

- Businesses are beginning to open at 7 Mile and Haggerty Road.
- Plans are under development for using the parcel of land at 5 Mile and Beck Road.
- It will take another 3 to 5 years to clear most of the buildings from the Northville State Hospital land along 7 Mile Road.

C. School Board Liaison Report – Jim Masurek

- NPS has a proposal on the May 5 ballot to renew the school’s sinking fund for another 5 years with no increase in taxes. The millage is less than 1.0 mil.
- The NHS Robotics Club is going to the national competition after winning the top award for the State of Michigan.
- The Art House will be showing student art starting on the first Friday in May.

D. Chairperson and Commission Member Comments

- Genie Nehs, who is on the board at Allen Terrace, mentioned that a new alarm system has been installed. She also discussed the issue/concern over the use of computers and the need to ensure proper use of websites.

10. Annual Meeting

A. Review of Bylaws

- The latest Bylaws, dated August 2013, were reviewed and no changes were suggested. A thorough review of the Bylaws was conducted in 2013.

B. Review of Budget

- Spiller reviewed the proposed budget for the 2015/16 fiscal year and highlighted selected areas.
- The amount of the Community Development Grant Revenue will remain at \$12,043.
- Two improvements included in the budget will be for 1) new sound system for the NCC and 2) rebuilding the steps to the back entrance of the NCC.
- It was suggested that the Mainville Donation Fund be used first for projects so it can be closed. Presently, there is \$5,538 remaining in this fund.
- Spiller provided a summary of donation funds starting with the 2005 budget year and showing every expenditure from the two funds year-to-date.

C. Presentation and Adoption of Senior Adult Services Goals and Objectives

- Johnson provided an overview of her objectives, emphasizing the need to reach out to the Northville community to provide services to seniors and to find organizations that are willing to sponsor various activities at the NCC.

D. Election of Officers

- After a short discussion, it was proposed by Buckland and seconded by Herrmann that the present officers be re-elected to their positions. Motion passed. Mittman will remain chairperson, Henningsen will remain vice-chairperson and Brown will remain Secretary.

11. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on May 21, 2015.

12. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.