

Minutes of Senior Services Commission
Meeting of August 4, 2021
Kallsen Conference Center

CALL To ORDER:

The Tinley Park Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. by Bob Hayes.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Commissioners: Bob Hayes
Andy Ashmus
Phyllis Groberski
Vicki Hayes
Sam Avalos
Marisa Harrison, Senior Center Asst.
Board Liaison Trustee Brady
Village Manager Dave Niemeyer
Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary

Absent: Rosemarie Bauer
Marcie Hecht

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Vicki Hayes, seconded by Phyllis Groberski, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Vicki Hayes, seconded by Phyllis Groberski, to approve the Minutes of the July 7, 2021 meeting of the Senior Services Commission. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Senior Center Administrative Report

Bob Hayes met with Pat Carr, and Village Manager Dave Niemeyer to discuss the role of the Senior Services Commission. They suggested a new role for the commission. They expressed a desire to focus on senior issues and just not provide

a Senior Center and events. They explained that the Bettenhausen Senior Center and Park District provides a center and events for seniors. The new park district fall program has a program under the name of STARS as well as other events. It is the desire of the village board that we make changes. The focus would be more on senior issues, not just events. Bob Hayes asked the village to give us until the remainder of the calendar year to make the transition due to this radical change. This would bring us to the middle of December as we like to take off for the holidays. During this time we could sponsor our usual activities such as luncheons, Bingo, and movies at the center. We can also facilitate the transition by inviting directors of the Bettenhausen program to speak at one of the lunches and encourage others to sign up for STARS and other programs and events. Defining our role will become our main focus in the months ahead. Some suggestions received and believed that the village has been doing during the pandemic is to provide health and safety information, promote vaccinations for COVID and flu shots, help with grocery delivery and prescriptions for shut-ins, and well-being checks. These are just a few ideas. Hope that you will continue with us as we transition and embark in this new direction.

Andy Ashmus stated the commission will be dissolved then, so what's the point? The park district will be running it.

Dave Niemeyer explained they still want the commission to continue but want to provide more services to seniors. The commission is not being dissolved. There are many needs for seniors. Time to discuss. Will discuss with the board to have the transition in January.

Vicky Hayes confirmed we would still be doing the services for the seniors, just a different location.

Andy Ashmus stated there is a fee to join STARS.

A. Financial Report:

Depending on the budget, Bob Hayes would like to order "COVID-19 vaccinated" pins. All in favor.

B. Membership:

Bob Hayes stated we need to confirm membership as there were no activities or newsletters mailed out during the pandemic.

C. Programs/Special Events/Trips:

See below.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) Appointment of Chairperson
Bob Hayes would like to be supported as Chairperson. All present in favor.
Needs final appointment by the mayor.
- b) Determine Operating Hours and Procedures for the Senior Center
Bob Hayes stated the Senior Center is back to normal hours and luncheons for the calendar year. Tuesday and Thursday 10a.m to 3:00 p.m. Masks must be worn and everyone needs to sign in.
- c) Monthly Luncheons
Lunch September 8th. Masks and vaccinations are required. Free event. No October luncheon.

Marisa Harrison stated there are gloves and masks at the Senior Center for serving food.

Phyllis Groberski suggested inviting the new mayor.

Trustee Brady suggested one-time use aprons for volunteers serving. Also suggested using the perforated tickets for the luncheons.

- d) Date/Theme for Annual Luncheon
Wednesday, October 13th – Oktoberfest at St. Stephen's Church.
Some entertainment ideas: comedian, magician, juggler, something more visual, Elvis Impersonator or the Human Jukebox.
- e) Bingo, movies, other programs and activities at the Senior Center
Bingo will be once a month on Tuesday.
Marisa Harrison will inquire about a DJ who also runs Bingo.
- f) Reviving Volunteer List
Bob Hayes wants to revive the volunteer list as volunteers will be needed.

g) Trips and Outings

Members have expressed interest in attending *Kinky Boots* at Paramount in Aurora. Bob Hayes stated we do not charge for the bus. It is a Senior Center expense.

Andy Ashmus distributed the list of events at Governor's State University. Theatre at the Center in Munster is not opening until next year.

h) Snacks, coffee, pop at the Senior Center

Marisa Harrison reported there are plenty of drinks and snacks at the center. Pepsi, Sprite, diet soda, water, cookies, chips, pretzels, coffee and tea. Money collected for pop is donated to a local charity.

Bob Hayes recommended having individual bags of snacks. Also need Jewel gift cards for gifts.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

A. Membership List

Denise Maly-Politano stated there is a membership list but not sure how current it is.

Trustee Brady's concern is the emergency contact information. Need to update with local contact information.

Marisa Harrison will have contact forms available at the Senior Center.

B. Newsletter

Denise Maly-Politano contacted the Marketing Department about the mailing list who stated they were using a Friday phone call to seniors with information. Bob Hayes would prefer a newsletter being sent out with all the information on upcoming dates and events.

Trustee Brady agreed that he would like to have a Newsletter in hand.

The Newsletter will be sent out to those on the membership list. The returns will help update the membership list. Information will include bringing in your COVID vaccination card to be scanned and printed to a smaller size.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

COVID vaccination cards should not be laminated. Originals should not be carried but instead kept in a safe place at home. Copy/scan original and carry the copy.

RECEIVE COMMENTS:

No public/no comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Andy Ashmus, seconded by Phyllis Groberski, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Senior Services Commission at 4:01 p.m.

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