

Minutes of Senior Services Commission  
Meeting of October 4, 2023  
Kallsen Conference Center

CALL To ORDER:

The Tinley Park Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by Chairman Bob Hayes. Chairman Bob Hayes welcomed new commissioner Estelle Campos.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners	Bob Hayes, Chairman
Present:	Andy Ashmus
	Sam Avalos
	Estelle Campos
	Celeste Figliulo
	Marisa Harrison
	Vicki Hayes
	Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary
	Roxane Tyssen, Senior Center Administrator
	Trustee William Brady
Absent:	Theresa Flowers
	Phyllis Groberski

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Bob Hayes declared the Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by **Celeste Figliulo**, seconded by **Estele Campos**, to approve the September 6, 2023 minutes of the Senior Services Commission meeting.

REPORTS:

Senior Center Updates and Reports (Roxane Tyssen)

A. Financial Report:

Senior Center Administrator **Roxane Tyssen** provided an update. Still early in the fiscal year looking good. We are over budget for postage.

B. Membership:

Senior Center Administrator **Roxane Tyssen** stated there are new people joining every day. Membership continues to increase.

The Tinley Park Library reconfigured their space to add a memory café and cancelled activities. Possibly having a senior chess club at the Senior Center to pick up the cancelation at the library.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**No new business.**

**OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:**

**1) Alzheimer Walk and Fundraising**

Senior Center Administrator **Roxane Tyssen** collected donations for the walk.

**2) Adding Pathlights Initiatives to Village Website**

Senior Center Administrator **Roxane Tyssen** would like a link added to the website for Pathlights. It is a nonprofit organization that helps out Bremen Township even though Bremen is outside of their coverage area. They provide services to Orland and Palos Township residents. Can provide services for someone who needs a caregiver.

**Sam Avalos** asked if there is a comparable to Pathlights for the other townships? He would be willing to help contact the townships to see what is available.

**Trustee Brady** stated Orland Township deals with transportation for 2400 people. They have a new wheelchair accessible van.

**Marisa Harrison** stated it is an ongoing issue to get answers. Suggesting inviting representatives from each township to speak at the center and inform residents what jurisdiction entails and offers, i.e., meals, rides, etc.

**Sam Avalos** suggested inviting them to a commission meeting and then we in turn can provide the information to the senior community in a newsletter and at the center.

[Discussion continues on administrators/directors, collaborating for ideas and resources, want senior to be aware of what is available.]

### 3) **Oktoberfest, October 11, 2023 – St. Stephen’s**

Senior Center Administrator **Roxane Tyssen** has public works setting up tables Tuesday. They will bring coolers with ice and water. Newsletter went out last week with invitations. Culvers will be supplying custard cups for 200 people. We will meet that day at 10/10:30 to set up the room. Catering from Winston’s – pork cutlets, chicken, German potato salad, macaroni & cheese, and carrots.

**Trustee Brady** secured the entertainment. This year will be a ventriloquist. He will need a riser. He requested an invoice for the check to be issued.

**Celeste Figliulo** will be the MC at Oktoberfest.

[Discussion continues on items needed for event, set-up, clean-up, donations, etc.]

### **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Senior Center Administrator **Roxane Tyssen** proposed having a breakfast for the public works department as a thank you for all that they do to help the Senior Center. She is waiting for confirmation of a date from Dave Galati. Breakfast catered from Cracker Barrel.

Senior Center Administrator **Roxane Tyssen** reminded everyone about the costume contest at the Senior Center on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Costumes will be judged and prizes distributed.

Motion made by **Celeste Figliulo**, seconded by **Estelle Campos**, to host a breakfast for public works. All in favor.

**Trustee Brady** commented on the senior event at Gatto’s. It was great, more organized and ran more smoothly with the plated dinners. All in attendance enjoyed it.

### **Receive Comments from the Public**

Visitor from Hanover Place, Community Health Nurse Roberta Tures. She attended the meeting to see what was going on with the senior community.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by **Sam Avalos**, seconded by **Estelle Campos**, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.