



Minutes
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission
Commissions Room-33 S Arlington Heights Road, A.H. 60005
August 19, 2024
7 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Viecegli called the meeting to order at 7 PM. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present:
Sue Viecegli, Chair
Tim Carter
Corinne Drew
Fred Feldman
George Motto
Steve Raminiak
Fred Vogt
Gary Wood
Ellyn Zimmerman

Also Present:
Tracey Colagrossi, Liaison

Not Present:
Sharon Adams

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 15, 2024

CHAIRPERSON VIECELLI REQUESTED A MOTION TO MOVE THE MINUTES. COMMISSIONER VOGT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AND WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOTTO. ALL WERE IN FAVOR AND THE MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2024, WERE APPROVED.

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson

Chairperson Viecegli had nothing

B. Liaison

Registration for programs began for the September/October Live Well, Age Well newsletter. The Park District just received new exercise machines for the Athletic

Club. Ten volunteers were recruited by Volunteer Coordinator, Nierman to enter data from the Lending Closet's data base to the MySeniorCenter software system. That process is complete, and volunteers will be trained.

September is National Senior Center Month, so we are commemorating it with an interactive art piece in the lobby of the Senior Center where people write their favorite things about the center and post them on the piece. The central core of the building is getting upgrades with large television monitors and audio upgrades. The Board is due to approve the agency agreement with Meals on Wheels Northeastern Illinois this evening. We are still waiting on who will be picking up on the ADRN, Caregiver Support and other programs that Catholic Charities will no longer conduct effective October 1. Catholic Charities will continue to be the intake site for referral services such as meals, chore housekeeping and the community cares programs.

Northern Illinois Center for Governmental Studies will conduct the Strategic Planning Workshop at Village Hall on Wednesday, August 28. After the workshop, the group will complete a summary and provide a draft of goals for each member of the workshop to rank. Once the rankings are decided, then goals and action plans are created. Liaison Colagrossi will keep the commission updated throughout the process.

The Commissioners inquired as to how people find out about programs and services. Liaison Colagrossi stated that subscribers pay \$15 for the cost of postage, and they get a copy directly mailed and emailed to their homes. The fee goes into the Non-for-Profit Corporation as they handle the printing cost of the newsletters. The benefit is first priority registration. After that, the newsletter is sent via e-blasts to digital subscribers and available to pick up at the Senior Center. Patrons are then able to register on the Open Registration date.

C. Non-for-Profit Corporation

The third annual pickleball tournament fundraiser is taking place on Saturday, September 14 at Dryden Courts in Arlington Heights. The tournament is for people aged 55 and older, with three levels of play for 80 participants.

In addition, the Inc. Board is creating a new event "Casino Night Fun-Raiser" on Thursday, October 10 from 5 pm to 8 pm. We are looking for sponsorships for each of the 12 gaming tables and donations for baskets.

A new idea from one of the Inc. Board members is a "road show" concept, bringing the senior center (a class, music, food truck, art) to different areas within the Village to address the feedback regarding the distance of the senior center being far.

D. Senior Center Advisory Council

The Senior Center Advisory Council has planned events with Program Coordinator Adelphia. This Thursday is the annual Ice Cream Social event with a magician. The

Oktoberfest Brat Cookout with performance from Alpine Thunder is on September 24. A new event, in place of the Thanksgiving Event, is a Halloween Costume Party on October 30 with a DJ and prizes for best costumes. Then finally for 2024, we have a New Years Eve party on December 31 with Jeorge Holmes performing.

E. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that the General Assembly is in recess and will convene for six days in November for the veto session. At the last commission meeting Commissioner Feldman reported on Senate Bill 275 having been passed by both houses and sent to the Governor. In the month that's passed, the governor has signed the bill and has now been enacted as Public Act 103-872. This establishes a program for an eight-year driver's license in lieu of the plan to eliminate driver's tests for seniors over 75.

That bill regarding the driver's test abolition for drivers over 75 is still in the committee and has not been assigned out. Public Act 103-872 will provide for an eight-year driver's license provides that beginning no later than July 1, 2027, the Secretary of State shall offer qualified applicants the option to be issued an eight-year driver's license. The Secretary shall submit proposed rules to implement the provision to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules no later than January 1, 2027. There is still continuing pressure to revive the bill regarding elimination of the drivers' tests for people aged 75 and older.

F. Age-Friendly Community Certification

Commissioner and Age-Friendly Chairperson Motto provided a summary of the Commissions work on the Age-Friendly Initiative thus far.

1. Transportation/Affordable Housing Report

The Commission reported on the transportation service gap for Pace On Demand on the weekends. Additionally, Commissioner Motto would be attending the Board meeting that is reviewing the new plans for the Grace Terrace project.

2. Communications

The subcommittee reviewed the draft of the website and made recommendations for improvements per Liaison Colagrossi's draft.

G. Kenneth Hood Award

Commissioner Vogt updated the commission that the presentation of the Kenneth Hood Award will take place at the Senior Center on Friday, September 13 at 11:30 a.m. The Mayor, Village Manager, and Director McCalister will also be in attendance.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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ADJOURNED AT 8:15 PM.**