



Agenda
Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens' Commission
Commissions Room 2nd Floor

Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Road
Arlington Heights, IL 60005
January 12, 2015
7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes from the 11/17/14 meeting

IV. REPORTS

- A. Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc.
- B. Chairperson's Report
 - 1. 2015 Meeting Schedule
 - 2. Commission Budget
- C. Senior Center Manager's Report
- D. Senior Impact Reports
 - 1. Not for profit corporation
 - 2. Senior Center Advisory Council
 - 3. Legislation

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Announcements
- B. Correspondence

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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Item: Minutes from the 11/17/14 meeting

Department: Health Services

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type
November minutes	Minutes

**Village of Arlington Heights
Senior Citizens Commission Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Foss called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Also Present	Absent
Sharon Foss, Chair	Karie Van Grinsven, Senior Center Program Coordinator	
Sharon Adams		
Pat Bielat		
Erwin Campbell		
Fred Feldman		
Ruta Freimanis		
Frank Schroeder		
Maureen Seleski		
George Weber		
Tem Williams		

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes from the 10/20/2014 Meeting

**COMMISSIONER FELDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSION
SCHROEDER MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER
20, 2014 MEETING. ALL CONCURRED.**

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Foss commented that she'd hoped those who participated had found the Lutheran Home tour interesting.

B. Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc.

There was no replacement for a liaison between Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. and the Senior Citizens Commission. Commissioner Weber stated that he had not received a report yet for the golf outing.

C. Senior Center Advisory Council

Commissioner Campbell had not been present at the last advisory council meeting. Karie Van Grinsven reported that there are only four tickets remaining for the holiday luncheon at Rolling Green on December 5. The Inc. funding request for advisory council's "patio & other programs" goes through April 30, 2015, the end of the current fiscal year. The advisory council is in the process of planning the remaining events for early 2015. Because the August event was canceled due to possible parking lot work that month, there are excess funds.

D. Legislation

Commissioner Feldman reported that the veto session was November 19-21 and December 2-4. Congress had a limited schedule. It was unlikely that any of the previously reported legislation will be acted upon. These are all stuck in committee. These bills get stalled in their respective houses. Less than 5 % of the bills relating to seniors ever get passed.

E. Senior Center Manager's Report

Karie Van Grinsven read the Senior Center Manager's Report: "The new Village Manager, Randall (Randy) Recklaus began November 10. He will tour the Building and Health Department, including the Senior Center on November 18th.

The dedication of the Senior Center's Gazebo in honor of Frank De Rosa went well. Mayor Tom Hayes attended and said a few words. Arlington Heights Senior Center, Inc. paid for the plaque, utilizing part of a very generous anonymous \$10,000 donation in Frank's name. The De Rosa family was deeply touched and appreciative.

The Coordinator of Tax Counseling for the Elderly, Leo DeAngelis resigned from program due to philosophical difference with current enforcement of program guidelines. AARP does not want age and income limitations. The TCE program at AHSC was in jeopardy for a few days as program could not operate without a named coordinator. Anne Mura and Katherine Kinney have volunteered to be co-coordinators, thus saving the program.

The Senior Center Manager submitted a CDBG application for funds for security cameras.

Some of the Northwest Community Healthcare programs have been going well. Several programs have been canceled due to poor enrollment.

The rest of parking lot (32 spaces needing structural repairs) is completed. The bathrooms were painted. The exterior overhang was repaired and painted. A new snow melt system was installed.

Another Senior Service provider (Xilin Association) in Arlington Heights released literature calling themselves the Arlington Heights Senior Center. Once the Village Of Arlington Heights made them aware that this name was taken, they quickly called and apologized.”

Karie Van Grinsven referenced the upcoming programs in the Nov/Dec newsletter.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Weber reported on the status of being in the hospital vs. being admitted for observation and noted that the Senior Health Insurance Program had found out that some C plans or Advantage plans cover that.

Regarding skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), while Advantage plans may pay, what they’re paying may not be much. Every Advantage plan is different.

SHIP can’t recommend plans, but does provide education, giving the individual enough information that they can make a wise decision. Commissioner Weber referenced the Medicare and You book. Three of our SHIP volunteers had provided a summary of the book as a handout.

December 7th was the last day of open enrollment. With the Advantage plan, the individual gives up the ability to go to any doctor or hospital of choice.

Commissioner Weber expressed his opinion that there wasn’t enough information in the Medicare and You book to make a wise decision. Commissioner Weber voiced his concern that the Affordable Care Act was complicated. Commissioner Weber stated that many end up in Medicaid and that Medicaid can take up to a year to pay. He indicated that the premium is always cheap because it’s a welfare plan.

VI. NEW BUSINESS None

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Due to the commemoration of Martin Luther King, the Senior Citizens Commission could not meet on its regular date. The preferred next meeting of the Senior Citizens Commission would be January 12, Chairperson Foss asked that Karen Hansen check the meeting room schedule to see if January 12 is available and to let the Commission know. Commissioner Foss indicated that the agenda and minutes were not on the Village Of Arlington Heights website. Karie Van Grinsven indicated that she would report this to Karen Hansen.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**COMMISSIONER WEBER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER ADAMS
MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 7:30PM. ALL CONCURRED.**

Submitted: Karen Hansen, Commission Liaison
Senior Citizens Commission
Village of Arlington Heights
December 9, 2014