

NORTHVILLE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 18, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call Meeting to Order:
Meeting called to order by Chairperson J. Purtell at 1:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: (All members present are in Northville, Michigan unless otherwise noted.)
Commission Members: Patrick Giesa, Cyndy Jankowski, Bob Lipmyer, Jan Purtell (Chair), Dory Schmidt, Jan Valade (Vice Chair), Kim Voytal (Secretary)
Excused: Lesa Buckland
Absent: Angela Jaafar

Staff Members: Mark Gasche, Parks and Recreation Director, Stephanie McNees, Senior Services Supervisor, Shannon Coker, Parks and Recreation Superintendent

3. Announcements and Citizens Comments: none

4. Adoption of the Agenda:
Motion to approve agenda as submitted made by P. Giesa, second by B. Lipmyer. Motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes:
Motion by J. Valade to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting, second by P. Giesa. Motion passed.

6. Monthly Reports:
 - A. Supervisor's Report- McNees
McNees updated the Commission that two new drivers have been hired; one of which started last week, and the second who will be available for training beginning March 1st. Also, McNees is applying for \$20,000 CDBG Funding for Senior Services Operations and will keep the commission updated on the status of that grant.
 - B. Transportation Program Report - McNees
 1. Ridership Report – January 2021
Transportation is still operating a M/W/F schedule and so far, all requests have been accommodated. It was clarified that counts are for each leg of a trip and do not represent unduplicated individuals. Travel to a destination and back home would be counted as 2 trips.
 2. St. Mary's Mercy Livonia (SMML) Ridership Report – 2021
January's SMML Report shows that 92% of rides were medical, with 8% being grocery or shopping trips.
 - C. Participation Report – January 2021 – McNees –
 1. Participation is down compared to January 2020, with virtual fitness being the main activity to report. The building opened to scheduled activities starting 2/1.
 2. Noted from the meeting, the Participation Report did not reflect the transportation data. This will be revised and sent to the Commission.
 - D. Recent/upcoming events/programs/trips - McNees
 1. Virtual Fitness/Yoga classes – All classes are staying virtual for March-April; registration will open next week for 8 classes.

2. Virtual Cooking Demonstration –
 - i. Independence Village has had turn over with their chef, so for March we will be offering an herb garden demo where participants can sign up to receive a pot, soil, and seeds to grow their own herb garden.
 - ii. April's Cooking Demo will be Penne Pasta with Spring Pea Pesto, April 28th
 3. AARP Tax Assistance – All appointments have been booked and AARP services 12-17 tax appointments every Thursday. Program running Feb. 4 – April 15th.
7. Old Business
- A. Operations status – The Center opened its doors to scheduled activities and appointments on 2/1, based on the current MDHHS guidelines of 25% capacity, with masks, social distancing, and sanitization.
 - B. Open Activities – Began 2/1, including Walking, Volleyball, and Pickleball.
8. New Business - none
9. Reports
- City Liaison report- Giesa
 - City Council approved reduced parking limits for new business at the corner of Cady St. and Griswold, whose business model changed to from commercial to include a restaurant.
 - Tree inventory program – Davey's Tree, covered by a grant, is taking an inventory of all trees in the City to then be plugged into the City's GIS system. This will be used to track trees in the City. Discussion included comments of strong support for managing trees as an important community asset. There was recognition that maintaining healthy trees contributes to the quality of life for all residents, including seniors.
 - Made Public Improvement Fund Allocations for park projects.
 - DDA Director, Lori Ward, presented proposed amendments for fees, fines, and penalties for restaurants and businesses participating in Heat in the Street.
 - Township Liaison report - Jankowski
 - Board of Trustees meeting on Jan 21st
 - Several appointments were made, including the Historical and Planning Commissions.
 - Approved money to replace older Township vehicles, which included the purchase of a new pickup truck with a snow plow
 - Approved 2021 Fertilizer and Weed Control contract for P&R and new Ranger pickup truck
 - Feb 2nd Study Session
 - Supervisor Abbo called in a facilitator for the Trustees and Staff, to facilitate a conversation about culture and priorities for the Township. Initiatives will be presented in the coming months based on the suggestions from this meeting.
 - Formed Legacy Park, Pathways, and Public Safety Facility Committees.
 - Next meeting tonight, February 18th at 7pm via Zoom
 - School Board Liaison report –
 - No report
 - Chairperson and Commissioner comments –
 - Purtell noted that Northville's Track and Field team delivered handmade Valentine's to the residents at Allen Terrace.

- Valade noted the Northville Youth Network has started a pen pal program with Seniors and Northville Middle School and High School students.

10. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by B. Lipmyer, second by J. Valade. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.
- Next meeting Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 1:00 pm via Zoom