

NORTHVILLE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 15, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call Meeting to Order:
Meeting called to order by Chairperson J. Purtell at 1:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call:
Commission Members: Lesa Buckland, Patrick Giesa, Angela Jaafar, Bob Lipmyer, Jan Purtell (Chair), Dory Schmidt, Jan Valade (Vice Chair), Kim Voytal (Sec).
Excused: Cyndy Jankowski
Absent:
Staff Members: Mark Gasche, Parks and Recreation Director, Stephanie McNeese, Senior Services Supervisor, Shannon Coker, Recreation Superintendent
Guests: Mary Kay Gallagher, Northville Public Schools Superintendent, Michael Zoph Assistant Superintendent
3. Announcements and Citizens Comments: none
4. Adoption of the Agenda: Motion by B. Lipmyer to approve agenda as submitted, second by P. Giesa. Motion passed.
5. Approval of Minutes: Motion by J. Valade to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2021 Regular Meeting, second by B. Lipmyer. Motion passed.
 - A. Jaafar abstains from vote because she was not present for the March 18, 2021 meeting
6. Presentation:
 - Superintendents Gallagher and Zoph presented an overview of the school district's ballot initiative for a Non-Homestead Operation Millage Renewal on May 4th. The 18 mil renewal would be the same rate as currently assessed on businesses and non-primary residences and would generate approximately \$10 million dollars annually. Informational meetings are being held April 15th 4pm-5pm and April 19th 6pm-7pm.
 - More information can be found at www.northvilleschools.org/elections2021
 - Drive up COVID-19 Testing will be held at Northville High School April 18th and April 25th 11am-5pm, open to residents and non-residents.
7. Monthly Reports:
 - A. Supervisor's Report – McNeese
 1. NCC is open Monday-Friday from 9am-12pm, and for all scheduled activities and appointments. Currently planning May and June programming, which will continue to follow the MDHHS COVID-19 Guidelines.
 - B. Transportation Program Report – McNeese
 1. Ridership Report – March 2021
Transportation is operating an M-F schedule. Unique riders are reflected per month, and year to date on the report.
 2. Destination Ridership Report – March 2021
March's SMML Report shows 79% of rides as medical and 21% of rides non-medical.
 - C. Participation Report – March 2021 – McNeese
 1. Virtual fitness continues to be the main activity; it is noted on the report as requested by Commission.
 - D. Recent/upcoming events/programs/trips - McNeese

1. Virtual Fitness/Yoga classes – Majority of classes remain virtual; others will move to outdoor drop-in at Ford Field beginning in May.
 2. Virtual Demonstrations –
 - i. April's Cooking Demo, Spring Pea Pasta, with Independence Village has 28 participants registered
 - ii. Oakmont and Brookdale are working to create their versions of drive thru activities for our seniors
 3. Gary Allen's Financial Planning/Elder Law seminar in April has 13 people registered
 4. AARP Tax Assistance – Last appointment day April 15th. Last pick up day April 22nd.
8. Old Business:
- A. Operations status –
 - a. Township Hall is open to the public.
 - b. City Hall remains closed to the public, appointments only.
 - c. NCC is open to the public, 9am-12pm Monday – Friday, and for scheduled activities and appointments. NCC is following all health department guidelines, with masks and social distancing required.
 - d. The Handcrafters show, previously scheduled for May 8th, has been canceled.
 - B. COVID Vaccine Clinic
 - a. Northville's COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic was very successful, vaccinating just over 3,000 residents in the course of two days.
 - b. The Parks and Recreation staff worked tirelessly on the planning and logistics, using the Recreation software to schedule all of the appointments, running the Call Center, handling all cancelations, scheduling volunteers, etc.
 - c. Northville Senior Services provided transportation and wheelchairs for the clinic, and received donations of water for all of the volunteers and participants on site.
9. New Business: none
10. Reports:
- A. City Liaison report- Giesa
 - a. City Council is in the middle of the budget process, reviewing the first half last Monday, and completing the final budget review and approval tonight.
 - b. With Sam Ekong's recent retirement from the Council, 6 people have applied to fill his vacancy. The 2nd Council Meeting in May will be an interview session for the 6 candidates, and then a vote of the Council to choose a replacement.
 - c. Brian Turnbull is running for Mayor re-election.
 - d. 2 Council seats are open for election in November, 3 candidates, including Giesa, have taken out petitions.
 - e. Hunter Pastuer Homes is still interested in developing the Downs property; talks have resumed.
 - f. The Planning Commission is updating the Master Plan, which will update the ordinances and building codes.
 - B. Township Liaison report – Gasche
 - a. The Township has a Board of Trustees meeting tonight; agenda items include:
 - i. Proposal to extend the local state of emergency through the end of this year, which will allow virtual meetings to continue through 2021.
 - ii. Recommendation to hire contractor for electrical work at Community Park, vandalism to electrical service needs repair.
 - iii. Considering proposals for new website provider.
 - C. School Board Liaison report – Jaafar
 - a. Non-Homestead Operating Millage Renewal on the ballot May 4th.

- b. The School Board and staff are continuing to plan for a full return in the fall, considering new technology for instruction to help the process.
- c. Continuing to plan the NPS Prom as a strolling event Downtown, in Ford Field, and Mill Race Village to be held May 27th.
- D. Chairperson and Commissioner comments – none

11. Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by J. Valade, second by P. Giesa. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm.
- Next meeting Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 1:00 pm via Zoom