

**NORTHVILLE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, November 21, 2019 – 1:00 p.m.  
Northville Community Center – 303 W. Main St., Northville, MI**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**  
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Andrea Murdock at 1:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**  
Commission Members: Lesa Buckland, Patrick Giesa (excused), Mindy Herrmann, Angela Jaafar (excused), Bob Lipmyer, Andrea Murdock, Jan Purtell, Dory Schmidt (pending Township approval), Jan Valade  
Staff Members: Christy Mattson, Mark Gasche  
Guests: Brian Turnbull, City of Northville Mayor
3. **Announcements and Citizens Comments:**
  - A. Murdock welcomed Dory Schmidt representing Northville Township slated to be commissioned at tonight's Township Board meeting.
  - B. Condolences expressed following the death of Ann Henningsen, wife of former commission member Dick Henningsen.
4. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Valade, seconded by Lipmyer to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Valade, seconded by Buckland to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on October 17, 2019 and the minutes of the Annual Meeting, also held on October 17, 2019. Motion passed.
6. **Monthly Reports:**
  - A. **Staff Updates**
    - Brian Turnbull was introduced as the newly elected Mayor of the City of Northville.
    - Dory Schmidt was introduced as a new commission member representing the Township filling the position vacated by Dick Brown's retirement for a three-year term expiring 9/30/2022.
    - Transportation Coordinator position was posted on City and Townships websites; responsibilities include planning day trips.
  - B. **Transportation Updates**
    - The Senior Alliance FY2020-2022 grant was amended with new insurance and federal requirements.
    - Mattson presented the Ridership report for October.

- Two new 13-passenger vans with wheelchair lifts are being prepped by SMART to add to the transportation fleet by the end of 2019.
- Offices and Programming will be closed November 28-29 for Thanksgiving holiday; programming will be closed on December 12-15 for Handcrafters Tinsel & Treasures event; will bring in revenue for the center; a food vendor is not available for this event and discussed options.

### **C. Recent/Upcoming Events**

- Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 20<sup>th</sup> had 101 participants and 6 no shows; Mattson thanked commission members who volunteered to help with the luncheon.
- Tree Lighting will be held on December 3 at 11:15; twelve community organizations have participated decorating themed trees displayed at the center.
- Meadowbrook Holiday Tour and Lunch scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup> only has three RSVP's and needs a minimum of eleven participants.
- Holiday Luncheon on December 11 has 78 RSVP's with a maximum of 100; volunteers from the Commission will be needed.
- Cooking Demonstration by Independence Village Chef will be held at the Center on December 16.
- There will not be an entry from the Center into the Holiday Lighted Parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce on November 22.
- Banners to honor local veterans are being displayed by the Chamber of Commerce in downtown Northville with participation by many community members; Mattson asked to investigate programming for a Veterans Day event in the future.

## **7. Participation Reports**

- Mattson presented an updated Participation Report for October.
- Instructors have been difficult to find for Tai Chi and Line Dancing classes.

## **8. Old Business: None**

## **9. New Business:**

### **A. Meeting Schedule:**

- A motion to cancel the December 19, 2019 Senior Advisory Commission meeting was made by Herrmann and seconded by Valade. Motion passed. Next meeting will be held January 16, 2020
- Past practice has been to cancel either the July or August meeting; discussion will be tabled until May to determine meeting schedule; review Bylaws for the number of meetings required to be held each year.

- A motion to cancel the December 17, 2020 was made by Herrmann. Seconded by Valade. Motion approved.

#### **10. Reports:**

##### **A. City Liaison Report – Brian Turnbull for Patrick Giesa**

- Holiday Lighted Parade and Downtown Greens coming up this weekend
- New Lease agreement is proposed for Allen Terrace changing minimum age from 55 to 62 for residents; proposed restrictions for bearing arms, and service pets.
- Northville Downs proposal is under review by the Planning Commission.

##### **B. Township Liaison Report – Mindy Herrmann**

- Township meeting tonight will address ongoing issues from the Arbor Hills Landfill located in Salem Township; it is important that residents promptly and accurately report invasive odors so actions against the landfill can be pursued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE); more information on the Township website; odor sensors are being installed at Ridgewood Elementary School; a lobbyist has been hired by the Township for legislative action.
- Rezoning of Seven Mile Road for a day care center across from the State hospital property is being considered at tonight's meeting.

##### **C. School Board Liaison Report – Lesa Buckland for Angela Jaafar**

- Amerman Elementary School received national recognition as a Blue Ribbon school.
- Upcoming holiday choir and band concerts could be pursued for future senior programming.

**11. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 16, 2020

**12. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Herrmann and seconded by Lipmyer. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Purtell, Secretary