

**NORTHVILLE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 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, Bob Lipmyer, Andrea Murdock, Jan Purtell, Dory Schmidt, Jan Valade
Staff Members: Christy Mattson, Mark Gasche
Guest(s): Kathi Miller
3. **Announcements and Citizens Comments:**
Murdock welcomed Kathi Miller, current South Lyon resident and former Northville resident exploring volunteer opportunities since retired.
4. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Moved by Herrmann, seconded by Lipmyer to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Valade, seconded by Herrmann to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 16, 2019. Motion passed.
6. **Monthly Reports:**
 - A. **Staff Updates**
 - Christy Mattson will be relocating to Indiana and will be leaving her position as Senior Services Supervisor effective as of April 9; the Senior Services Supervisor (full-time) position will be posted soon on Township and City websites.
 - Liquid nutrition program has decreased to only six participants; Mattson will investigate nutrition program participant guidelines from Wayne County.
 - B. **Transportation Program Updates**
 - Ridership report – January: Mattson presented the Transportation Program Ridership report for January, 2020 totaling 337 riders and \$771 in fares; seeing an increase in registered new riders
 - Joyce Drever has been hired to fill the Transportation Coordinator (part-time 20 hours/week) position from the Front Desk Assistant Substitute position.

- Two new 13-passenger vans with wheelchair lifts continue to be prepped by SMART to be added to the transportation fleet as soon as possible.

C. Office Closure: Offices will be closed on April 10, Good Friday; activities and programs will run.

D. Recent/Upcoming Events

- Valentine’s Day Tea on 2/12/20 – 54 ticketed participants at tables sponsored by vendors
- Riverdance on 2/22 – 24 registered participants (full)
- Detroit Institute of Arts trip on 2/27/20 – 50 participants registered (full); sponsored by the DIA
- Tax Preparation Assistance program sponsored by AARP began on 2/6/20; all dates are full at 274 appointments with 37 participants on the waiting list
- St. Patrick’s Day Party at the Senior Center on Tuesday, March 17; volunteers for serving respond to Mattson e-mail
- Northville High School Drama program “Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory” play at Northville High School with catered dinner at the Senior Center and bus transportation on April 17; Mattson reported she is investigating fall dates for drama and choir concert programs
- Discussed publicity and ways to increase notifying seniors of services and programs; suggested participation in Volunteer Day activities at the Northville District Library on May 16 (Parks and Rec/Senior Services plans to participate.)
- Grand Experience at the Grand Hotel, Mackinaw Island, October 6-9, 2020 sponsored by mParks; sign ups have begun

7. Participation Report – January 2020

- Mattson presented an updated Participation Report for January, 2020 with Total Ongoing Activities at 2534 participants compared to 2231 in January 2019 (14% increase)
- Pickleball open activity participants have decreased, while participation in clinics for new players and advanced levels has increased; discussed holding a pickleball tournament
- Line Dancing classes will begin again on March 23 with a new instructor

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- Buckland, Murdock, Purtell and Valade will be out of town at the scheduled March 19 Senior Advisory Committee meeting; Herrmann moved, Valade seconded a motion to cancel the March 19 meeting. Motion passed. The next regular meeting will be April 16

10. Reports

A. City Liaison report - None

B. Township Liaison report

- Township has approved buying two new vehicles
- Township beginning new agreement with Michigan Humane Society. Dog licenses are available for purchase at Township Hall for \$5.00. It is recommended that all residents with dogs get them

C. School Board Liaison report

- Sinking Fund Ballot Proposal vote is on March 10; Citizens Committee to help promote the passage is distributing information and signs
- Parent Camp for Mental Health Awareness will be held on February 29th; parents and public are invited to attend
- NPS district is encouraging interested parents, students, staff and community members to participate in a new initiative called the Wellbeing Initiative and is forming a Community Social, Emotional, Mental Health and Wellbeing Council; it is being launched in partnership with Northville Youth Network, Northville Council of PTA's, St. Mary's/other Health Organizations(s) and Northville Public Safety division; Jaafar will send a link to the district website with more information

D. Chairperson & Commissioner comments

- All members of the Senior Advisory Committee wished Christy Mattson well in her move to Indiana and thanked her for doing an excellent job while she was in Northville

11. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2020

12. Adjournment:

- A motion to adjourn was made by Herrmann and seconded by Valade. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Purtell, Secretary