

**NORTHVILLE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 18, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Andrea Murdock at 1:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Commission Members: Lesa Buckland, Patrick Giesa, Mindy Herrmann, Angela Jaafar (excused), Bob Lipmyer (excused), Andrea Murdock, Jan Purtell, Dory Schmidt, Jan Valade

Staff Members: Nicole Messina, Mark Gasche

Guest(s): Brian Turnbull, Ann Oswald

3. Announcements and Citizens Comments:

A. Murdock welcomed committee members. Due to the Corona virus pandemic this meeting is being held virtually via Zoom.

B. Northville resident Ann Oswald submitted a request for an exception to Transportation program services to allow her to receive special care at the University of Michigan Canton medical facility that is .4 miles outside the current transportation area. Oswald also requested that consideration be given to extending transportation services to additional shopping centers that would also extend the radius, and provide workers/volunteers to assist with groceries and packages from curbside to residences.

After discussion Herrmann made a motion to temporarily grant the exception to Ann Oswald for .5 miles outside the service area only for medical appointments with a special fee assessed at \$20 per round trip only until such time as the Transportation Sub-Committee can be convened with representatives from Northville Township, City of Northville, Northville Parks and Recreation and the Northville Senior Advisory Commission to make a comprehensive study and determination if the radius of services can be extended, second by Valade. Motion passed.

Valade volunteered to serve on the Transportation Sub-Committee to represent the Senior Advisory Commission. Purtell volunteered as an alternate. Oswald's request for shopping trip radius extension has been tabled until after the Transportation Sub-Committee meets. Messina suggested that specially designated day trips might be considered to additional shopping centers. Gasche noted that caretakers are not charged a fee for assisting residents with groceries. Herrmann recommended that Oswald continue to seek alternative transportation in case the radius boundary is not extended.

4. **Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion by Herrmann, second by Geisa to approve the agenda. Motion passed.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Herrmann, second by Valade to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 21, 2020. Motion passed.
6. **Monthly Reports:**
 - A. **Supervisor's Report**
 - Two new drivers have been hired to assist with transportation that is currently limited to three days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) and are in training.
 - B. **Transportation Program Updates**
 - Ridership Report – Messina presented the Transportation Program Ridership report from January through May 2020, totaling 892 riders and \$2,013 in fares; due to the pandemic only medical rides have been offered since mid March but will be expanded to accepting all requests, not just medical soon. Only one passenger allowed to ride to their destination at a time (or two with caregiver); the vehicle is cleaned after each ride; masks are required of drivers and passengers.
 - C. **Participation Report – January-May 2020:**
 - All programs, events, activities and trips were cancelled beginning March 16 due to the Corona virus pandemic; Messina presented an updated Participation Report for January-May, 2020 Total Ongoing Activities at 6285 including 108 May participants; four (4) virtual fitness classes have started; two (2) outdoor fitness classes are being offered at Ford Field in the morning. A virtual coffee hour, Thursday mornings, is now being offered also.
 - D. **Recent/Upcoming Event**
 - Public facilities may open up in the near future waiting for restrictions to be lifted from Corona virus; it may be possible for small groups of less than 10 participants to meet for rental and program activities such as HOA meetings and financial planning; medical equipment rentals have opened up.
7. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Transportation Policy**
 - The Senior Transportation Program Policies were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Herrmann, seconded by Valade. Motion passed.
 - Updates on transportation include Covid guidelines, medical reservations can be made two (2) months in advance, and if a reservation is made and rider is a “no show” three or more times, rider privileges will be terminated.

- 8. New Business:**
- A. NCC Operations Status: No Covid cases reported at Allen Terrace.
- 9. Reports:**
- A. City Liaison report – Giesa**
- City Council approved request for street closures from Center St. to Hutton Street from June through October for downtown restaurants and businesses to expand into the streets to allow for social distancing due to the pandemic; Main St. to Dunlap will close a week later.
 - Department of Public Works (DPW) has scheduled a sanitary sewer replacement at Main and Griswold streets.
 - Last weekend 2 peaceful rallies were conducted.
 - Mayor Turnbull reported that Northville Civic Concern has experienced an increase in the number of families they are servicing and businesses/community organizations are being asked to help.
 - Fourteen (14) new road construction projects this year are planned including the Ford Field parking lot and Rogers Street.
- B. Township Liaison report - Herrmann**
- Township Council meeting tonight via Zoom regarding consolidating precincts for the upcoming election and encouraging absentee ballots.
 - Township construction on Sheldon Rd. between Six and Seven Mile only took a few days.
- C. School Board Liaison report – None**
- D. Chairperson & Commissioner comments**
- One month edition of the “Inspire” newsletter was published in June.
 - Next meeting will be planned for July 16 via Zoom pending Governor’s orders; August 20 meeting may be cancelled with decision made at the July 16 meeting.
- 10. Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 1:00 via Zoom.
- 11. Adjournment:**
- Motion to adjourn made by Geisa, seconded by Buckland. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jan Purtell, Secretary