

**Northville Senior Advisory Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes August 16, 2018
Northville Community Center**

1. **Call Meeting to Order** – Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Brown at 1 PM
2. **Roll Call:** Dick Brown, Lesa Buckland (excused), Patrick Giesa (absent), Mindy Herrmann (excused), Bob Lipmyer, Andrea Murdock, Genie Nehs (excused), Janice Valade, Matthew Wilk
Staff Members: Pam Cameron, Mark Gasche
Guests: none
3. **Announcements and Citizens Comments** - None
4. **Adoption of the Agenda**
 - Lipmyer moved to approve the agenda, Wilk seconded, motion passed.
5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - Lipmyer moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on June 21, 2018, Wilk seconded. Motion passed.
6. **Monthly Reports**
 - A. **Staff Update**
 - Parking lot is mostly completed behind the school. Gasche attended a meeting with the city, township, school representative and the library to discuss the parking area by the library. The library has received a quote of \$120,000, as well as one from the contractor who did the school lot. It will need some repairs this year, although the reconstruction cannot be done until next year. The library will pay for this work.
 - St. Joseph Mercy contacted Cameron and notified that they will donate \$10,000 for each of the next 2 years for transportation. This will cover the 2 years that are needed to wait before a grant can be requested from the Providence Foundation again.
 - B. **Transportation Update**
 - The older, smaller buses have been breaking down repeatedly. They are serviced at the SMART repair shop, but are not fixed; therefore, the newer, larger buses have to be used for short runs. Towing fees of disabled buses are expensive. Request for vans from SMART may take 3-4 years.
 - Discussed having people under age 18 assisting riders on the buses. SMART rules indicate that riders must be 60 years or older, or have a disability. Cameron will contact township/city attorney to determine what can be done. May need to have the rider signing a waiver for underage helpers.
 - C. **Recent/Upcoming Events/Programs/Trips**
 - Senior Fest: June 6 - Very well organized, well attended and enjoyed by everyone.
 - Coffee with a Cop: Was well attended, and there are plans to do this again.
 - Tacos and Trivia: Participants enjoyed it; may become a quarterly event.
 - Beautification & Garden Committee received a \$1,000 Grant from Community Financial. They have had a class on Herb Infused Oils and Vinegars. Future classes will be on cooking.
 - Matter of balance – Good series; attended by 31 participants.

D. Participation Reports

- Card playing is down a little. Fitness classes are doing well. Participants have gotten used to the punch card system now and seem to like it
- Cameron would like to add more health- related classes/programs.

7. **Old Business** – None

8. **New Business**

- TV in Niell Room is not working and needs to be replaced. Lipmyer moved to approve up to \$2,000, from the Steele account, to replace the TV and VCR/DVD player. Valade supported. Motion passed.
- Existing Christmas trees and Holiday wreaths are in bad shape. Lipmyer moved to approve \$2,200, from the Steele account, to buy new trees/wreaths. Valade supported. Motion passed.

9. **Reports**

A. City Liaison Report – None

B. Township Liaison Report - None

C. School Liaison Report – **Matthew Wilk**

- Renovated Old Village School Building, with an October 1, 2018 opening date.
- Main Street School will be torn down and 5 homes will be built. There also will be a pocket park constructed with \$50,000 donated by the home builder.
- Security updates for schools will include restricted entry into the buildings without first going through the office for clearance.

D. Chairman and Commission Members Comments –

- Lipmyer enjoyed lunch with an Oakmont resident who is 103 years old and a WWII veteran. Cameron interested in getting oral histories from some of our older citizens.

10. **Next Meeting** – September 20, 2108.

11. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM

Submitted by Andrea Murdock