# **Northville Senior Advisory Commission**

# **Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167**

# **April 18, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.**

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**

Chair Jan Purtell called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

**2. Roll Call:**

Commissioners:

Jan Purtell - Chairperson (Township)

Jan Valade - Vice Chairperson (City) - excused

Dorothy J. Schmidt - Secretary (Township)

Kim Campbell-Voytal - Representative (School Board Liaison & City)

Cynthia Jankowski - Liaison (Township)

Laura Genitti - Liaison (City) - Absent

Robert Lipmyer - Representative (Township)

Joseph Corriveau - Representative (City)

Staff:

Debbie Giulianelli-Smith - Senior Services Supervisor, Senior Services

Derek O. Smith - Director, Parks and Recreation

Greg Morris - Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

Bridgette Renwick - Recreation Superintendent, Parks & Recreation

Julie Wheeler - Recreation Specialist, Senior Services

Guests/Citizens:

Darby Hoppenstedt, Northville Public Schools - Director of Community Partnerships and Wellness

**3. Adoption of the Agenda:**

a. Agenda Adoption for the April 18, 2024, meeting was reviewed

1. **MOTION** made by Lipmyer to adopt the agenda as amended; motion supported by Jankowski; **MOTION** passed by voice vote approval.

**4. Approval of Meeting M**i**nutes:**

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2024, were reviewed.

1. **MOTION** made by Campbell-Voytal to approve the meeting minutes of March 21, 2024, as submitted; supported by Lipmyer; **MOTION** passed by voice vote approval.

**5**. **Announcements/Citizen Comments:**

1. Derek Smith announced:
2. Saturday, April 30, 2024, from 4:00-7:00 pm NCC will hold a Public Input Session for the Legacy Park Master Plan
3. Saturday May 4, at 12:00 pm the Grand Opening for Unity Skate Park at Millennium Park. Some of the proceeds will go to the Skate Park. Most of the proceeds will go to the Northville Educational Foundation hosted by Scott Bouey. The Grand Opening will be followed by a fundraiser event *“Brew, Beats, Bands and Boards”.* Both events have Facebook links for RSVP for headcount purposes
4. Kim Campbell-Voytal introduced her guest, Darby Hoppenstedt, Director of Community Partnerships and Wellness for Northville Public Schools:
5. Hoppenstedt explained that she is a licensed professional counselor who has worked for Novi Public School District for the last 20 years. As Northville's Director of Community Partnerships and Wellness, she focuses on: (1) the overall health and well-being of students and staff with a focus on mental health at all levels; and (2) developing community partnerships that bridge students and representatives and mentors from industry, businesses and community organizations. The goal is to enhance student learning, career development and overall community quality of life.
6. A brochure was distributed, *“Northville Public Schools Partnerships,”* which outlines the different ways Northville Public Schools can partner with businesses and organizations in the area through class presentations for future career areas of interest, hands-on learning experiences, student mentoring opportunities, co-operative education, work-based learning opportunities; student Internships (non-paid), service-learning opportunities, volunteer hours matched to various areas of student interest, and industry demonstrations such as broadcasting and marketing.
7. Smith thanked Darby for the information and noted that he would welcome partnership opportunities that could be helpful to Parks & Recreation and that would also benefit future outcomes for the schools and community
8. Giulianelli–Smith asked if opportunities for NCC senior citizens as readers might be available to help students as she has experience working with “Silver Lining” mentors
9. Purtell suggested NSAC explore options for seniors to attend school concerts, dramas, STEAM and other events open to the public; Campbell–Voytal stated that the method to obtain tickets to High School events may be complicated for seniors to navigate on-line and recommended that ticket information be communicated as well as dates/times for events and activities
10. Giulianelli-Smith stated that a printed newsletter, in addition to digital communication, regarding future projects will be reinstated to better inform seniors as to what is happening in the community and offered that NHS Homecoming events might benefit by posting flyers, as multiple events coincide within Homecoming Week; Renwick suggested that the “*Inspire”* newsletter could promote August events in the June/July edition and follow-up with a more in-depth description of events in August/September edition; Renwick, Giulianelli-Smith and Wheeler will follow-up with Hoppenstedt

**6. Monthly Reports/Events:**

1. Supervisor’s Report: Debbie Giulianelli-Smith reported
2. Giulianelli-Smith discussed plans with Senior Alliance to provide vaccines at the “*Health and Wellness Expo”*
3. “*Tiger Opening Watch Party”* had 22 attendees; Morris was thanked for providing access to the streaming service; Senate Coney Island catered the event with coney dogs and Greek salad; Tigers won and everyone had a great time!
4. AARP finished their tax preparation service last week; a detailed report will be available from the organizer next month; participant numbers were only a few lower than last year despite Plymouth opening an AARP area for tax aid
5. In the newly remodeled NCC Living Room, above the fireplace, the TV is showing a slide presentation highlighting upcoming events, pictures from past events and thanking sponsors “*NCC Lunch Crew”* schedule has added a Blood Pressure Screening Clinic to Tuesdays at 11:00 am, which precedes “*NCC Lunch Crew”* at 12:00 noon, and is followed by “*Karaoke”* at 1:00 pm; May menu is Macaroni and Cheese; another weekly lunch day may be added to *“Friday Flicks*”; Wheeler reported that “*NCC Lunch Crew*” program that was started by Giulianelli-Smith as a social lunch program is “catching word’ at the affordable price of $6.00 with April’s participation at 22 people attending; Gary Allen’s legal program provided an option for after “*NCC Lunch Crew*”.
6. Upcoming event *“Kentucky Derby Luncheon” on* May 3, 2024, beginning at 11:30 am will feature a fancy hat contest and a female barbershop quartet as entertainment; NSAC Volunteers are needed and hats will be provided
7. Northville Farmers Market is starting the first Thursday in May 2 through October at Highland Lakes Shopping Center at 8:00 am--2:00 pm sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce
8. Transportation/Ridership Report: Giulianelli-Smith reported
9. The Ridership Report through March 2024 was distributed, reviewed and discussed.
10. A new driver Nancy Chu-Meyers is doing very well fitting in with the staff and the team. Riders are giving great feedback about her. We still need more drivers, especially on Monday and Friday, and would like to add multiple days to the schedule.
11. Smith presented the Ridership Report and commented that ridership numbers are up year-to date, probably in part because all the buses have been fixed.
12. Most requests for rides have been able to be filled; rides that cannot be filled will be tracked with the help of new software; Purtell suggested that the Transportation Report track and report the unfulfilled medical and non-medical transportation requests to evaluate how often requests are unable to be filled and the circumstances under which they are not filled.
13. Medical ride requests are taking priority; Medical trips can be requested two months in advance; Staff member, Barb Heemer, takes a personal interest in clients and rarely denies a ride request; referrals seniors to Senior Alliance for those times when NCC cannot accommodate
14. Participation Report**:** Giulianelli-Smith reported
15. Participation Report through February, 2024 was distributed, reviewed and discussed in the Supervisors Report

**7. Upcoming Events and Programs:**

* 4/26 Friday Flick  *– “Maestro”*, 1:00 pm; $1
* 4/29 - Northville District Library (NDL) is partnering with NCC to present a seminar: “*Coping with Loss and Grief in the Face of Alzheimer's and Other Dementias”;* 7:00 pm;No charge
* 5/2 Fifty North Travel Club Membership meeting, 11;00 am; No charge
* 5/3 Kentucky Derby Luncheon, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm, $15.00, Register by 4/25
* 5/8 MMAP Preventative Care Program, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm, No charge
* 5/14 Investing, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, Register by 5/10, No charge
* 5/14-5/17 Mackinac Trip; cost is based on room size; Register by 4/8
* 5/15 Book Club, 1:00 am – 12:00 pm, No charge
* 5/16 Michigan Seniors Move, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm, No charge
* 5/21 Gary Allen 401K’s, 1:30 – 2:30 pm, No charge
* 5/21 NCC Lunch Crew, 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm, $6, Register by 5/14
* 5/21 Kookies and Karaoke, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, No charge
* 5/21 Blood Pressure Screening 11:00 am; No charge
* 5/22 Bingo, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm, No charge
* 5/22 Glass Fusion, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, $29, Register by 5/17
* 5/30 Spring into Bloom, 11:30 am–12:30 pm $20 residents, $23 nonresidents, Register by 5/23

**8. Old Business:** Smith reported on Northville Parks and Recreation Strategic Planning

1. SWOT analysis has been reviewed with thanks to those who responded to the online survey; SWOT analysis has been collected from commissions; City Council, Township trustees, Parks Commission; positive momentum was seen in many of the responses; after all SWOT responses are analyzed then strategic objectives will be formulated and will be shared with NSAC at the May meeting; responses are categorized by source and commonalities are found in order to focus on objectives; responses can still be added to the graph over the weekend; the last Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan was in 2004; many things are changing quickly in the community with a lot of positive momentum going forward
2. Northville Garden Club and the Northville Historical Society will collaborate in a spring planting for the exterior of the Northville Community Center

**9**. **New Business:**

1. City Liaison Report **–** no report
2. Township Liaison Report – Cynthia Jankowski reported
3. Township Hall will be closed for the August 6 and November 5, 2024 elections, except the drive through window will be open; employees will be working
4. Jankowski attended an election security meeting last week in Detroit where security issues were discussed for voting security threats in Wayne County, i.e. SWATTING, threatening phone calls. etc.
5. Presidential Primary Reimbursement Request was recently completed with Federal Election costs which can be reimbursed; the cost is $82,000 for a Presidential Primary with nine days of early voting, which has doubled in the last two years.
6. Shredding of Confidential documents May 11, 2024, at Township Hall from 9:00-11:00 am, $5 for residents for their first 8 bags and $1 for each bag after 8.
7. State of the Community luncheon is April 26, 2024, at the Italian-American Center; Dr. R.J. Weber, Northville Schools Superintendent, Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville, and Township Supervisor, Mark Abbo will be presenting.
8. CIP (Capital improvement Projects) meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2024, to present a five-year plan surrounding Legacy Park issues; information will give citizens knowledge of what the Township trustees vision is for funding of capital improvement projects and where we are going in the future in the township
9. Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Essential Services Complex is May 9, 2024, at 11:00 am; Rain day is May 10, 2024, at 11:00 am.
10. Election worker applications are still open with applications on the website in the Clerk’s office.
11. Water Tower has been chlorinated, tested, drained and will be refilled testing for bacteria to be done every quarter of the way; Lipmyer inquired as to the water holding capacity of the tower; Jankowski will follow-up with that information to NSAC
12. School Board Report - Kim Campbell-Voytal reported
13. This is a busy time for the school district
14. Northville High School graduation is set for June 2 and the “*Car Parade”* is scheduled for June 1 (ROUTE: Six Mile from Ward Church to NHS) between 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm
15. Northville Educational Foundation (NEF) Gala was supported by the community and a fun event that successfully raised money to support teacher grants and district projects
16. NEF Golf Fundraiser is scheduled at Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center on Thursday, May 16, 2024
17. Northville school district and elected officials have been invited by Governor Whitmer to come to East Lansing on May 7, 2024, at 11:30 am for “*Transformational Innovations in Our Public Schools*”; NHS is 1/10 student groups being celebrated in their district; Ted Dintersmith, a philanthropist who films interesting and innovative things that are happening in school districts, filmed our district in February 2024; students were interviewed and Northville will be highlighted in the film that will be presented nationally; a viewing of the film and panel discussion moderated by speaker Joe Tate.
18. Fliers for a variety of local musical events that are available to citizens without charge can be posted with approval at NCC and Allen Terrace, i.e. Sunday, April 21, at 6:15 pm, an “April Lecture and Concert“ will be held at 7:00 pm. at the First United Methodist Church
19. Chairperson and Commissioner Comments:
20. Mayor Brian Turnbull is convening a citizens committee to meet on May 9 at 7:00 pm at City Hall to look at renovations needed at two Northville historic cemeteries; prospective members should contact City Hall; fundraising and corporate funding will be needed; Smith has contact information to repair tombstones who can also help with fundraising; Mayor Turnbull has also convened a “Bicentennial Task Force”; next meeting will be May 2 at 7:00 pm at City Hall centered around setting up committees
21. Meeting for Fort Griswold Replacement will be held April 19, 2024, at 3:00 pm; 30 years ago Fort Griswold was a “community build” playground with many citizens; presently the playground is no longer up to code and needs to be replaced; citizens who participated in the first building project are invited to the meeting for input; Smith suggested that the original commemorate pickets or posts be returned to those that originally purchasing them; original sponsors will be recognized and commemorated on the new building which will house an adult changing station for persons with disabilities; funding is being sought
22. Parks and Recreation Sponsorship Guide has been printed and distributed
23. The new *Inspire* is currently being printed
24. Wheeler informed commissioners that new to *Inspire* this issue is an “Amazon Wish List” for donors to help with supplies like plates and cups for events
25. Morris commented that the new “Park Life” magazine should be in mailboxes this week
26. Maybury State Park Supervisor has been hired to replace Traci Sincock who retired;

**10**. **Adjournment:**

1. **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Campbell-Voytal, supported by Schmidt.
2. **MOTION** carried by voice vote approval
3. Meeting was adjourned at 2:31 pm.

**Next regular NSAC Meeting is May 16, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Northville Community Center.**

Respectfully submitted by:

Dory Schmidt, Secretary NSAC