

Northville Senior Advisory Commission

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

May 16, 2024, 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)
Dorothy J. Schmidt - Secretary (Township)
Kim Campbell-Voytal - Representative (School Board Liaison & City)
Cynthia Jankowski - Liaison (Township)
Laura Genitti - Liaison (City) - excused
Robert Lipmyer - Representative (Township)
Joseph Corriveau - Representative (City)

Staff:

Debbie Giulianelli-Smith - Senior Services Supervisor - excused
Derek O. Smith - Director, Parks, and Recreation - excused
Greg Morris - Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation.
Bridget Renwick - Recreation Superintendent, Parks and Recreation
Julie Wheeler - Recreation Specialist, Senior Services

Guests:

Mayor Brian Turnbull, alternate for Laura Genitti

3. Adoption of the Agenda:

- a. Agenda for May 16, 2024, meeting was reviewed; **MOTION** was made by Campbell-Voytal to adopt the agenda; Motion supported by Lipmyer. **MOTION** passed by voice vote approval

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2024, were reviewed; Jankowski requested an amendment to the Township report of meeting minutes of April 18, 2024; **MOTION** by Jankowski to approve the minutes as amended; Motion supported by Valade. **MOTION** was passed by voice vote approval

5. Announcements/Citizen Comments:

- a. Landscaping plans for Legacy Park were discussed

6. Monthly Reports/Events:

- a. Supervisor's Report: Julie Wheeler reported
 - i. Detroit Opera House is returning with an adult performance on 6/13/24 at 11:00 am-12:00 pm; Registration is available through Northville Parks and Recreation website for this musical revival; snacks will be provided for a \$5.00 fee
 - ii. An upcoming Luau Lunch is planned for 6/21/24 at 11:30 am; registration is going well

- iii. Kentucky Derby event was held on 5/3/24 with 47 registered guests in attendance; attendees reported to staff that the food and entertainment were great
 - iv. Bottled water is available to all Pickleball players, and a new water fountain has been installed in the NCC gym that is equipped with an apparatus that will fill personal water bottles
 - v. A 2-hour Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) bus trip is planned for Tuesday, July 23, 2024, from 12:00-2:00 pm; trip includes a light snack; no charge to participants
 - vi. Allen Terrace is notified of upcoming events; posters regarding the upcoming Luau Party are posted
 - vii. On May 22, Debbie, Bridget and Julie will be going to Allen Terrace to meet with the residents to discuss what is being offered and to get feedback from the residents;
 - viii. Mayor Turnbull announced that the historic pudding stone, aka "The Allen Stone" named after former Mayor Allen, will be added to the Allen Terrace landscape this year
- b. Transportation Report: Bridget Renwick reported
- i. Transportation Services Report for February was distributed, reviewed and discussed
 - ii. Transportation is up almost 30 participants from last month and is on track from last year; average was 230 residents per month last year.
 - iii. One van was involved in a minor traffic incident with another car last month; no one sustained any injury, there were no passengers on the van at the time; no training issues were identified; the van is currently being repaired; all the other vans are functional
 - iv. More drivers are still needed
 - v. Regulations audit will be performed for FDA regulations on May 30, 2024, through SMART for drug and alcohol policies as they relate to drivers; multiple Northville policies will be reviewed regarding the handling of drug screening related to accidents
- c. Ridership Report: Bridget Renwick reported
- i. Ridership Report through March 2024 was distributed, reviewed and discussed
 - ii. It was noted that the average number of participants are higher than May last year
 - iii. It was requested that a line-item be added to the Ridership Report to begin tracking the number of unfilled ride requests with a brief explanation of why rides have been unable to be filled and/or if the rider(s) have been referred to Senior Alliance or other resources; tracking unfilled rides would help to better evaluate the need for changes or for funding for transportation services
- d. Participation Report: Bridget Renwick reported
- i. Participation Report of Senior Services through April 2024 was distributed, reviewed and discussed
 - ii. Participation numbers are increasing overall in the Fitness category; Pickleball is going strong, increased by 200 people last month after beginner sessions were added; participant numbers are expected to temporarily drop in the summer months when participants prefer to play outside in the good weather and participants may return to the gym in August for air conditioning
 - iii. All other program participant numbers have increased in other categories
 - iv. Discussed the use of data reported in monthly Participation Reports including subcategories; Lipmyer offered that as senior programs are always changing and regular reporting of all data is recommended; Campbell-Voytal pointed out that according to the written Responsibilities of NSAC it is charged to review all the data of all the programs

including subcategories for the identification and evaluation; Corriveau commented that if you don't see the data, you can't evaluate the data and agreed decisions should be based on reported data; Jankowski appreciated specific details for reporting purposes; Purtell commented that complete and specific numbers help accountability as to whether the Commission is attaining its established goals; Morris commented that he is familiar with a new software program that is being considered for collecting data; if purchased, activation of this new software program may take 6 months

- v. Northville is part of a 6-city group staying in the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island this week; 25 participants and Giulianelli-Smith went on the bus trip from Northville sponsored by m-Parks (Michigan Recreation and Parks)

7. Recent/Upcoming Events and Programs:

- 5/20 *Coffee with a Cop*, 10-11 am, No cost.
- 5/21 *Blood Pressure*, 10-11 am, No cost.
- 5/21 *NCC Lunch Crew*, Macaroni & Cheese & fruit cup, 12:00-1:00 pm; \$6 fee; Register by 5/14/24
- 5/21 *Gary Allen*, 401K's, 1:30– 2:30 pm; No cost
- 5/21 *Kookies and Karaoke*, 1:00-2:00 pm; No cost
- 5/22 *Bingo*, 1:00—2:00 pm; No cost
- 5/22 *Glass Fusion*, 6-7:00 pm; \$29 fee; Register by 5/17/24
- 5/24 *Friday Flicks*, 1pm, \$1- Last Laugh, TV-MA, Dramey (2019)
- 5/30 *Spring into Bloom*, 11:30- 12:30 pm, \$20 fee Residents. \$23 fee Non-Residents;
- 6/6 *Growing Herbs* 11:30-12:30 pm. \$20 Residents. \$23 Non-Residents; Register by 5/30.
- 6/11 *Focus on Estate Planning w/free lunch*, 11:00 am-12:00 pm; No cost
- 6/11 *MI Seniors Move: Downsizing: A Financial Perspective*, 1:00-2:30 pm; No cost
- 6/12 *Bingo* 1:00-2:00 pm; No cost
- 6/13 *Detroit Opera House*, 11:00-12:00 pm, \$5 Residents, \$6 Non-Residents;
- 6/14 *Friday Flicks*, 1:00 pm, \$1 "Love Again", PG-13 Emotional (2023).
- 6/17 *Coffee with a Cop*, 10:00-11:00 am; No cost
- 6/18 *Gary Allen*, "Wills, Trusts and Ladybird Deeds, 1:30-2:30 pm; No cost
- 6/18 *NCC Lunch Crew*, Salad Bar with choice of protein, 12:00-1:00 pm, \$6/\$7
- 6/18 *Kookies and Karaoke*, 1:00-2:00 pm; No cost
- 6/18 *Blood Pressure*, 10:00-11:00 am; No cost
- 6/19 *Drop-in Tech Support*, 10:00-11:00 am; No cost.
- 6/19 *Book Club*, 11:00 am-12:00 pm; No cost.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- a. July Meeting Date: Purtell noted the yearly tradition of canceling the July meeting was discussed; **MOTION** was made by Valade to cancel the July 2024 meeting date; Motion was supported by Campbell-Voytal. **MOTION was** passed by voice vote approval. Giulianelli-Smith will post the information on the website regarding canceling the July meeting
- b. City Liaison Report – Mayor Brian Turnbull reported for Laura Genitti

- i. Turnbull thanked the entire Commission for the time and talent given by this Commission to assist Northville seniors and is especially appreciative of the involvement of City Representatives Corriveau, Valade and Campbell-Voytal
 - ii. Turnbull stated that the seniors are very important to him, and he always wants to include all the residents of Allen Terrace in all the available activities as much as possible and noted that Allen Terrace is a facility owned by the City of Northville; the City is currently following plans for tracking transportation to and from Allen Terrace to various destinations including the Farmer's Market and the DIA; Allen Terrace is being upgraded with an improved Workout Area and has upgraded services through Comcast in the Business Center
 - iii. Ford Field has received approximately \$5 million in grants; Phase I of the Ford Field Project has about \$2 million targeted especially for seniors specifically to improve ADA accessibility; \$910,000 was granted from the State of Michigan for a new ADA entry way off Hutton Street, and \$650,00 was granted from Haley Stevens for Serenity Point to alleviate topical deterioration by building different pools and waterfalls; Phase 1 will start this spring with a planned pathway with fencing that will be ADA accessible on Hutton Street; there will be a \$1.4 million cost to DTE to bury the power lines in the new project
 - iv. Next year in Phase 2, the Ford Field Project will see another \$2.2 million used to enhance Ford Field Park and the adjoining Riverwalk Park; Ford Field restrooms will be built with adult changing stations and a new Playscape is planned which will require \$1,200,000 to fund; city will be responsible for continued maintenance of the Playscape area under Parks and Recreation
 - v. Across the street from Ford Field/Mill Race parking lot there is about 5 acres of previously overgrown Northville property behind Planet Fitness, now known as Ford Field East, that will become the first section of the Riverwalk Park in Phase 1;
 - vi. In Phase 2 of the Riverwalk Park, "Historic Northville Riverwalk" sign will be erected, Wayne County will install a traffic light on Main Street near the carwash and a DTE substation will be housed on Cady Street;
 - vii. In Phase 2 a pathway will be constructed to extend the *Riverwalk* to McDonald Park and *Riverwalk* will then continue over to the Downs area where a currently buried section of the Huron River will be daylighted; *Riverwalk* pathway will also eventually connect Mill Race Village to Legacy Park; Long-term plans have the *Riverwalk* eventually connecting to other pathways going north to Mackinac City and going south to Ohio;
 - viii. Plans for the future of the City of Northville are designed to change the trajectory of the population with the goal to balance the mean age of the population by attracting younger citizens; if the population is unchanged by 2032 Northville would have the oldest population in the State of Michigan.
 - ix. Downs Project packages will be reviewed regarding ADA versions of housing; current floor plans for the condos in the Downs Project are unknown
 - x. Downtown plans for Summer Concerts will be small concerts every Friday night and Big Band concerts on Saturday nights; Center Street will have concerts on the street in the afternoons as 46 concerts are planned for this summer in downtown Northville
- c. Township Report – Cyndy Jankowski reporting
- i. Delayed Groundbreaking Ceremony for Legacy Park took place last week on Tuesday, May 14, 2024; building on the property is planned to be done by the end of the year;

- ii. On May 14, 2024, a Joint Trustee City Council Meeting was held to discuss possible future land purchases;
 - iii. May 6, 2024, a Capital Improvement Budget Session was held with all departments submitted their anticipated CIP projects for the next 4-5 years as well as the staffing needs for 2025 including acquisition for a new Fire Engine which will take 4 years to build; Also requested a possible ladder truck and ambulance
 - iv. May 4, 2024, Skate Park dedication went well with a good turnout
 - v. Morris will present a request for the acquisition of an improved software program at tonight's City Council meeting
 - vi. The new water tower at Legacy Park holds 450,000 gallons of water; Two underground 250,000-gallon water tanks which have been there for 110 years will be removed and water will be pumped directly into the new water tower
 - vii. The next HOA Presidents meeting will be held on August 28, 2024; NSAC members are encouraged to work with HOA presidents at this meeting to update what information the HOA's need; this meeting may be a great opportunity for the NSAC to improve communication with HOA's; Renwick will investigate if a list is already populated
- d. School Board Report – Kim Campbell-Voytal reported
- i. Northville will be part of a Worldwide Peace Gathering planned on May 19, 2024, at Ford Field at 2:30 pm
 - ii. Northville High School band will be participating in the Memorial Day Parade and the 4th of July Parade; chairs will be set up for seniors at the curb in front of the Community for the 4th of July parade; Campell-Voytal offered to help put chairs out
 - iii. Recognition of the Northville School District by Governor Whitmer occurred in Lansing last week as part of a larger recognition for the ten top Innovative Public-School systems in the state with a video of the presentation available on the Northville schools website
 - iv. Honors Convocation for high school graduating seniors will be held Monday, May 20, 2024, to recognize the accomplishments of students including musical, artistic and academic
 - v. Senior breakfast will follow on Tuesday morning, May 21, 2024, followed by "The Clap Out" event, planned at the elementary schools
 - vi. Senior Prom is May 23, 2024, at the Suburban Collection; photo shoot is open to the public beforehand at Mill Race Village
 - vii. Car Parade is June 1, 2024, at 4:00 pm; Parade will be coming from Ward Church up Orchard Street into the High School parking lot
 - viii. The Spring Choral Concert was held last night and featured a young lady pianist from Northville High School who has won many concert competitions
 - ix. At the School Board meeting the end of May, the first, newly formed orchestra will be recognized that has competed at the State level and received several first-place awards
 - x. Northville High School will be graduating 645 seniors this year; there are 900 students in the entire High School; Northville has the fourth largest graduating class in Michigan and are rated academically as having the highest SAT scores in the state
 - xi. The school district has exercised a 5-year extension to the Community Center for use of the building
- e. Chairperson and Commissioner Comments:
- i. Morris is presenting the potential benefits of this software at the Township meeting tonight as he knows this program well from prior experience

- ii. Unity Skate Park had an amazing turnout at the Opening Event and park use is phenomenal
- iii. Baseball and Soccer Tournaments packed the Community Park this weekend with Michigan Jaguars at the soccer tournament; Baseball was rained out
- iv. Two events at one time are a challenge to parking safety
- v. Parking space availability for *First Responder Vehicle* presence at events was discussed as a priority need.
- vi. *Mackinac Trip* is currently going well; next year this trip maybe moved to a fall trip instead of a spring trip
- vii. Recreation Specialist Evan Paputa was hired May 6, 2024 who is currently overseeing a sports supervisor and support person to the part-time Recreation Staff; currently Paputa is the Meads Mill Middle School track coach
- viii. Recreation Assistant position for the NCC front desk is open as a part-time three days-a-week position (one day at the NCC and two days at Hillside Recreation Center)
- ix. Valade thanked Mayor Turnbull for the new exercise equipment that will be added to the Allen Terrace with a contract to have new, modern equipment in place every 6 months now that the room has been repainted

10. **Adjournment:**

- a. **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Jankowski, supported by Lipmyer.
- b. **MOTION** carried by voice vote approval. Meeting was adjourned at 2:29 pm

The next regular NSAC Meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Northville Community Center, July 2024 meeting is canceled.

Respectfully submitted by: Dory Schmidt, Secretary NSAC