

Northville Senior Advisory Commission
Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167
August 15, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Chair Jan Purtell called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Chair Purtell acknowledged Lisa McIntyre as the newly appointed liaison for the Northville School Board, noting that Ms. McIntyre is also running as an incumbent school board candidate for reelection this year. Ms. McIntyre made brief comments.

2. Roll Call:

Commissioners:

Jan Purtell - Chairperson, Representative (Township)
Jan Valade - Vice Chairperson, Representative (City)
Dorothy J. Schmidt - Secretary, Representative (Township)
Kim Campbell-Voytal - Representative (City)
Cynthia Jankowski - Board of Trustees Liaison (Township)
Laura Genitti - City Council Liaison (City)
Robert Lipmyer - Representative (Township)
Joseph Corriveau - Representative (City)
Lisa McIntyre- Northville School Board Liaison

Staff:

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

Guests:

Jane Lipmyer, Roland Hwang Jena Mabrey

3. Adoption of the Agenda:

a. Agenda for August 15, 2024, meeting was reviewed; **MOTION** to adopt (Campbell-Voytal) and supported (Valade). **MOTION** passed.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

a. Regular Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2024, were reviewed; **MOTION** to approve (Lipmyer) and supported (Valade). **MOTION** passed.

5. Announcements/Citizen Comments:

a. The following visitors made brief introductory comments:

- i. Jena Mabrey introduced herself as a candidate for Northville School Board.
- ii. Roland Hwang introduced himself as a candidate for Northville Township Board.
- iii. Jan Valade announced that she will be stepping down after 2 terms on the NSAC. She will remain on the City Housing Commission.

6. Monthly Reports: June and July

a. Supervisor's Report: Giulianelli-Smith

- i. NSAC Activities are currently being planned for next year and activities the rest of 2024 year are planned and coming together well.

- b. Transportation Report: Giulianelli-Smith
 - i. The June and July reports were reviewed. The acronym SDC (specialized data collection) was clarified as Senior, Senior Handicap and Handicap participation.
 - ii. Three drivers are currently available for transportation runs. A Job posting is up and flyers are being circulated.
 - iii. Kristen Santoyo is the new Transportation Coordinator and will be introduced in September.
 - iv. Transportation numbers are steady.
- c. Ridership Report: Giulianelli-Smith
 - i. The June and July 2024 reports were reviewed
- d. Participation Report: Giulianelli-Smith
 - i. The June and July 2024 reports were reviewed.
 - ii. Participation numbers are up. The *Luau Luncheon*, and *Summer Barbeque* were both well attended with a Polynesian Hula Group performance at the Luau and chair volleyball at the Summer BBQ.
 - v. *DIA Senior Day* group outing via the DIA bus had 52 participants that included a docent led tour. , thank you notes from several participants were sent to the DIA from participants.
 - vi. New Programs being implemented include:
 - NCC Lunch Crew implemented in January 2024 has added a new weekday lunch on select Fridays. A natural fit with Allen Terrace residents as Meals on Wheels does not provide lunches on Friday.
 - Special lecture series is being offered with the DIA. For \$8 participants can attend a free lecture at the DIA followed by a *NCC Lunch Crew* and a movie upon return. *Next Friday Flicks* bundled with *Behind the Scene* activity is September 13, "The Dutch Golden Age" movie will be paired with a pizza and salad lunch
 - Travel Show scheduled for September 25.
 - Debra Davidson, NCC Health and Wellness Coordinator held a walk-through of Maybury State Park each week in June highlighted a different topic-very successful.
 - "Northville Tree Champions" will be presenting "*Northville Majestic Trees*" with a one mile walk around town discussing historic trees.
 - September 5, will begin a new activity on the first Thursday of every month partnering with StoryPointe Senior Living offering crafting projects. Supplies provided.
 - Health and Wellness Expo is planned for October 10. The Expo will offer more of a Health and Wellness focused demonstrations, fitness classes, flu and Covid vaccinations through Kroger Health Vaccination Clinic. Entertainment and lunch is included. Packets for vendors are available upon request.
 - *Trick or Treat Trivia* was added for October 31
 - "*Thankful for our Veterans*" Luncheon is scheduled for November 8. No charge for Northville Veterans. are invited free of charge thanks to the generous sponsorship=s
 - Thanksgiving Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, November 26 Holiday Tree Lighting coming up December 20 Holiday Celebration Luncheon
 - A Game Night will also start soon and is scheduled as an evening event
 - The new September/October Inspire will be out the end of August
 - The Parks and Recreation Department will participate in the Victorian Festival all three days the weekend of September 20 In conjunction with the Northville Chamber of Commerce

7. Upcoming Events Schedule:

Weekly Programs:

- Mondays: American Mah Jongh 10:00 am–12:00 pm
- Tuesday: Pinochle 12:00-3:00 pm
- Wednesday: Bridge 12:00-3:00 pm
- Thursday Evening: Euchre bi-weekly 6:00-9:00pm

8/19 *Coffee with a Cop*, 10:00-11:00 am; no cost

8/20 *Blood Pressure*, 11:00 am-12:00 pm; no cost

8/20 *Lunch Crew*, Chicken Caesar or Vegetable wrap; 12:00-1:00 pm, \$6 resident/\$7 non-resident 8/20 *Kookies and Karaoke*, 1:00-3:00 pm; no cost

8/20 *Gary Allen – Laws Affecting your Estate Plan* 1:30 – 2:30; no cost

8/21 *Book Club* – 11:00 am–12:00 pm; no cost

8/23 *Friday Flicks*, "Faraway" 1:00- 3:00 pm; \$1 charge

9/5 *StoryPointe Crafting and Connections*, 1:30-2:30 pm; \$3 residents, \$4 non-residents

9/10 *Investment Seminar, "Avoiding Common Financial Mistakes"*, with pizza lunch, 11 am-12pm, no cost

9/10 *MI Senior Moves- "Downsizing Strategies-How to Plan for a Successful Move"*; 1:00-2:30 pm, no cost 9/11 *Bingo*, 1:00-2:00 pm, no cost

9/13 *DIA Behind the Scene, "The Dutch Golden Age"* 11:00 am-12:00pm, no cost. Register by 9/9

9/13 *Lunch Crew* – Pizza and Salad, 12:00-1:00 pm, \$7 resident/\$8 non-resident; Register by 9/9

9/13 *Friday Flicks*, "Woman in Gold" 1:00- 3:00 pm, \$1 charge

9/16 *Coffee with a Cop*, 10:00-11:00 am, no cost

9/16 *Downsizing Seminar and Antique Showcase*, 11:00 am- 12:00 pm, no cost

10/10 *Health and Wellness Expo*, 10:00 am- 2:00 pm, no cost

10/31 *Trick or Treat Trivia* 1:00- 2:30 pm, \$5.00 residents/ \$7.00 nonresidents. Register by 10/25

11/26 *Thankful for Veterans*, 10:00 am- 2:00 pm, Northville Veterans free, nonresident Veterans, \$5.00, 15.00 residents/ \$18.00 non-residents, register by 11/12

12/3 *Holiday Tree Lighting*

12/20 *Holiday Celebration Luncheon*, 11:30 am- 2:30 pm, \$15.00 residents/\$18.00 nonresidents. Register by 12/3.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- a. A request was made to move the next meeting from September 19, 2024, due to a scheduled training session for the staff on that day. **MOTION** to move the meeting to September 12, 2024 (Jankowski) and supported (Lipmyer). **MOTION** passed.
- b. Jan Purtell reports that a slate of new officers will be presented at the September meeting, followed by a vote at the October Annual meeting. Officers serve 1-year terms. The following slate of candidates will be considered: Jan Purtell, President, Joe Corriveau, Vice President, and Dory Schmidt, Secretary.
- c. Chair Purtell expressed the committee's gratitude for Bob Lipmyer's and Jan Valade's service. The application process for new City and Township appointees was reviewed. Information is available on the City and Township websites.
- d. City Liaison Report – Genitti
 - i. The Downs River Park project will start grading and construction work this month. Foundations for the homes and the buildings should begin this fall. Dust and air quality in the area is difficult for the surrounding neighborhood, but the work is progressing very quickly.
 - ii. Main and Center Streets will be temporarily open this Monday through Thursday while work is being done on Cady Street.
 - iii. The bridge on 8 Mile will be completed this construction season.

- iv. The cabin on the Riverwalk will be moved temporarily for the next couple of months. The placement of the front entrance of the cabin is currently being debated.
 - v. The new building on Cady Street is currently in the costly steel phase
- e. Township Report – Jankowski
- i. Apology was made by Jankowski on behalf of Mark Abbo as Mark could not attend today's meeting to congratulate R. Lipmyer on his years of service. Jankowski thanked Robert Lipmyer for 15 years of service. She also thanked Robert for his amazing legacy of senior advocacy in Northville.
 - ii. Continued work is being done for seniors in the Township including work on the Essential Services Complex at Legacy Park which will house the new Fire Station, Public Safety Parks and Recreation Building and DPS. The Grand Opening is planned for January- March 202
 - iii. The Pathway work has been completed except for some landscaping. The Water Tower is now fully functional
 - iv. The National General Election is November 5, 2024
 - v. The next HOA forum will be held on August 28 NSAC staff will attend, and all were encouraged to get involved more with HOA presidents to update information on the HOA's needs and to discuss traffic diversion issues during construction.
- f. City/School Board Report – Campbell-Voytal & McIntyre
- i. The first day for Northville Schools is September 3, 2024. There is an advisory to watch out for students who are walking to school along the roads under construction with inadequate sidewalks especially in the Mill Race area.
 - ii. Bond update information will be deferred to the next meeting and will be reported by Lisa McIntyre.
 - iii. Northville High School invites corporate sponsorship for the NHS Eight Mile football field. Inquiries should be directed to the superintendent.
 - iv. There are positive expectations for successful completion of all remaining contract negotiations for the upcoming school year.
- g. Chairperson and Commissioner Comments:
- i. Chair Purtell thanked Dory Schmidt for providing today's cookies.
 - ii. Chair Purtell encouraged commissioners to volunteer and register for upcoming events and senior activities.
 - iii. Derek Smith provided a brief report on Ford Field, the new Central Park and the development of the Downs. Legacy Park is still in the Master Plan phase. Phase I of the trail system will be done after Labor Day. By the end of summer 2025, there will be 17.5 miles of trails in Legacy Park with single-track mountain bike, hiking trails, a paved section and an ADA compliant mountain biking trail.

10. Adjournment:

- a. **MOTION** to adjourn (Valade). **MOTION** supported (Lipmyer). **MOTION** approved.
Meeting adjourned at 2:29 pm.

The next regular NSAC Meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. at the Northville Community Center.

Respectfully submitted by: Dory Schmidt, Secretary NSAC