

Northville Senior Advisory Commission
Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167
September 12, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:**

Chair Jan Purtell called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

2. **Roll Call:**

Commissioners:

Jan Purtell - Chairperson, Representative (Township)

Jan Valade - Vice Chairperson, Representative (City) excused

Dorothy J. Schmidt - Secretary, Representative (Township)

Kim Campbell-Voytal - Representative (City)

Cynthia Jankowski - Board of Trustees Liaison (Township)

Robert Lipmeyer – Representative (Township).

Laura Genitti - City Council Liaison (City)

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, excused

Greg Morris - Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation

Bridgette Renwick - Recreation Superintendent, Parks and Recreation

Julie Wheeler - Recreation Specialist, Senior Services, excused

Guests:

Mayor Brian Turnbull, Jena Mabrey

3. **Adoption of the Agenda:**

a. Agenda for September 15, 2024, meeting was reviewed; **MOTION** to adopt as corrected (No. 9) (Campbell-Voytal) and supported (Jankowski). **MOTION** passed.

4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

b. Regular Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2024, were reviewed; **MOTION** to approve (Jankowski) and supported (Campbell-Voytal). **MOTION** passed.

5. **Announcements/Citizen Comments:**

c. Guests made brief introductory comments: Jena Mabrey, Northville Schools Board of Education.

6. **Monthly Reports: August**

a. Supervisor's Report: Giulianelli-Smith

i. NSAC upcoming Events and regular monthly Activities were discussed.

ii. Health and Wellness Expo is the biggest event coming up in October. More participants are needed, and flyers will be posted.

iii. Travel Show with Barb Smith Coordinator will present the new trips that will be offered.

iv. A new monthly activity Crafting Connections with StoryPoint went well. The next crafting event with StoryPoint is scheduled on October 3 and will be Halloween themed.

v. Lunch Crew is doing well.

vi. Thankful for our Veterans will be highlighted by Presentation of Colors. All veterans will be acknowledged followed by a luncheon with entertainment.

vii. HOA meeting was a big success. With 50-60 Township homeowners in attendance. The

Community Center as well as Parks and Recreation activities and services were presented to attendees. A sign up email list was circulated for new event notification. The need for bus drivers was presented to the township homeowners.

- viii. Debra Davison the NCC Health and Wellness Coordinator conducts “Walk and Learn events in September and October to view historic trees within the city.
- b. Transportation Report: Giulianelli-Smith
 - i. The June and July Transportation reports were reviewed and discussed.
 - ii. There was no transportation on August 6, 2024. One driver called in sick and there are no substitutes. There is still a need to hire more drivers. \$16.00/hr.
 - iii. Kristen Santoyo is doing well as the new Transportation Coordinator and will be introduced at the October meeting.
 - iv. Transportation numbers are steady.
- c. Ridership Report: Giulianelli-Smith
 - i. The August 2024 report was reviewed.
- d. Participation Report: Giulianelli-Smith
 - i. The August 2024 report was reviewed.
 - ii. New Programs are being added as much as possible. Support Groups will be next.
 - iii. Pickleball numbers are up. Pickleball camps were held throughout the summer.

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
- 9/13 DIA Behind the Seen- The Dutch Golden Age, 11am-12pm, no cost, register by 9/9
- 9/13 Lunch Crew – Pizza & Salad, 12-1pm, \$7 res/\$8 non res, register by 9/9.
- 9/13 Friday Flicks – Woman in Gold, 1-3pm, \$1
- 9/16 Coffee with a Cop, 10-11am, no cost
- 9/16 Downsizing Seminar & Antique Showcase, 11 am-12 pm, no cost
- 9/17 Blood Pressure Screening, 11-12 pm, no cost
- 9/17 Lunch Crew, 12-1 pm, \$6 resident/\$7 non-resident, Soup & Salad
- 9/17 Karaoke, 1-2 pm, no cost
- 9/17 Gary Allen: What You Need to Know About 401k and IRA, 1:30-2:30 pm, no cost
- 9/18 Book Club with NDL, 11-12 pm, no cost
- 9/18 MMAP Fraud Protection, 1:30 pm, no cost
- 9/19 Drop-in Tech Help, 10-11 am, no cost
- 9/25 Travel Show, 11-12 pm, no cost
- 9/27 Friday Flicks – Tyson's Run, 1-3pm, \$1
- 10/1 Game Night, 6-7:30 pm, \$2
- 10/3 Bingo with Oakmont, 1 pm, no cost
- 10/3 Crafting Connections, 1:30-2:30 pm, \$3 resident/\$4 non-resident
- 10/8 Memory Matters-Know the Warning Signs of Dementia, 1-2:30 pm, no cost
- 10/8 Year-End Financial & Tax Planning Opportunities, 11-12 pm, no cost
- 10/8 Ask the Advisors: Resource Panel for Seniors, 5-7 pm, no cost
- 10/8 Harry & Bess Truman w/NDL, 7-8:30 pm, no cost
- 10/10 Health & Wellness Expo, 10 am-2 pm, \$15 res/\$18 non-res, register by 10/3
- 10/11 Friday Flicks – Find me Falling, 1-3pm, \$1

Future Events:

10/31 Trick-or-Treat Trivia, 1-2:30 pm, \$5 res/\$7 non-res, register by 10/25

11/8 Thankful for our Veterans, 10 am-2 pm, Northville Veteran – Free, non-veterans. \$5, \$15 res/\$18 non-res, register by 11/12

12/3 Holiday Tree Lighting

12/20 Celebration Luncheon, 11:30 am-2:30 pm, \$15 res/\$18 non-res, register by 12/13

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business:

- a. Jan Purtell presented the slate of officers to serve one-year terms to be voted on at the October Annual meeting: Jan Purtell, President; Joe Corriveau, Vice President; Dory Schmidt, Secretary.
- b. Procedures were discussed for the designation of new appointees.
- c. Members were encouraged to review of the bylaws including Goals and Objectives prior to the October Annual Meeting when they will be discussed and voted on. Budget information and revised goals will also be presented at that time.
- d. City Liaison Report – Turnbull/Genitti
 - i. Oldtimers Luncheon hosted at Genitti's September 17, 2024, 11:30 AM. \$15.00 Mayor Turnbull will speak. Everyone is invited.
 - ii. A Northville author will host a book signing about Northville history. Sept. 19, 2024, 6 PM at Genitti's.
 - iii. The first Phase of Ford Field Project is being worked on. The plans were discussed.
 - iv. The River Walk Park and Pathways projects discussed including funding and the progress being made on the first Phase of Ford Field & Serenity Point. Approximately 1 Mil will be spent on developing the infrastructure including the biggest project of burying the DTE wires vs. supporting them 45 feet up.
 - v. The first five sections of the Riverwalk are scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2026 including the development of an ADA accessible Vista near Ford Field extending behind the Valve Plant, crossing Main Street and extending 10 sections.
 - vi. ADA pathways for the seniors will be usable for our seniors within the year.
 - vii. A 10.3-acre Park near the Downs Project site will be developed following public Daylighting of the River which will begin before starting any building on the Downs Project to be roughed in by the end of 2024.
 - viii. The Farmer's Market is the centerpost for all the walkways and is scheduled to open May 1, 2024, at the old McDonald Ford site.
 - ix. The Downs Project: curb and gutters were installed on the south side of Cady, west of Griswald to get ready for pavement repair.
 - x. The central portion of the Downs Project will be constructed by Tollgate brothers who will start grading o this area this month.
 - xi. An unseen underground storm water retention system will be installed where the old Farmer's Market site. Construction will begin next week.
 - xii. 10-20 Brownstones will be built on that site of the previous Farmer's Market by next spring. Carriage homes will be constructed on the South Section where the water table is higher. Three-tier homes will be developed park behind the First Presbyterian Church.
 - xiii. 280 approved parking spots were made available through the Planning Commission.
 - xiv. Cemetery restoration of Civil War and Revolutionary War Veteran's gravestones is being conducted by the Bicentennial Group.

- xv. Historic Trees are identified and addressed by the Historical Tree Society including the carving of a historic elm next to the library that was destroyed by lightning. The old, downed elm has historical information and is currently being carved into a Mustang by the Northville Tree Champions. A proclamation and dedication will be held on September 21, 2024 at 1:00–1:15 PM next to the police station.
- xvi. Events surrounding the upcoming Victorian Festival were discussed including a Victorian Clothing sale. The P & R Department will sponsor a Play Parlor in front of Genitti's during the Parade with old world games and refreshments. Chair Purtell and Campbell-Voytal will be at Mill Race on parade day with 600 Northville third grade students and their families who will be in historically dressed for the Parade.
- e. Township Report – Jankowski
 - i. Left hand turn lane on Six and Sheldon is under construction with a suggestion to avoid the area if possible, during school hours.
 - ii. 8 Mile construction of concrete and asphalt from Meadowbrook to the bridge site is scheduled to be completed by the end of fall. Bridge construction is scheduled by Wayne County for the spring.
 - iii. 7 Mile pathway construction from Haggerty is delayed due to engineering issues. All other pathways are done.
 - iv. Phase I of trail construction at Legacy Park has been completed. Phases 2 and 3 of trail construction are scheduled for October 2024. The official opening of the Phase 1 of the trail is completed for entrance at Wayne Ave at the Hawthorne Center location only. Currently there is walking access from Wayne Road on the Phase 1 trail, but use of the trail is not recommended from 7 Mile as there is significant debris along the trail in that area that has not been completely removed.
 - v. ESC Building on Legacy Park is progressing quickly.
 - vi. Township Hall will be closed for business on Election Day. The drive through only will be available for safety reasons.
 - vii. Paper "Shreds" is scheduled for September 21, 2024, 9AM-11AM for Township residents. Enter Township Hall only at the Sheldon entrance. \$5.00 for the first 8 bags, \$1.00 for each additional bag. Papers for shredding will be accepted in paper grocery bags only.
 - viii. Township Fire station Open House opening is scheduled for September 28, 2024 11:00 – 1:00 PM.
 - ix. Early ballot mailing may be delayed as RFK Jr. has asked to be taken off the ballot after convention and ballots need to be reproofed.
 - x. The previous plan to turn the old police station into a charter school was rejected and dropped.
- f. City/School Board Report – McIntyre
 - i. Enrollment is up. Young 5's has expanded to 4 Young 5's" classrooms
 - ii. Bond update: The 8 Mile Stadium is now ADA accessible with handrails for safety. The hill has been carved out for better visibility. The sound system speakers have been improved for the surrounding residents.
 - iii. Amerman construction will start in January. The roof has not yet been completed. New playgrounds have been installed. Third grade alternate classes are currently being served at Silver Springs. 4th and 5th grade alternate classes grade are still being served at Amerman.
 - iv. High School enrollment is down slightly.

- g. Parks and Recreation - Morris
 - i. Halloween Spooktacular Event is coming up Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 5:00- 7:00 PM at NCC with a Costume Contest for children up to 12 years of age. Registration prior.
 - ii. New position is available for Recreation Specialist.
 - h. Chairperson Comments - Purtell
 - i. Two new members will be present.
10. **Adjournment:**
- a. **MOTION** to adjourn (Jankowski). **MOTION** supported (Campbell-Voytal). **MOTION** approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Dory Schmidt, Secretary NSAC