

Minutes of the Senior Services Commission Meeting
June 6, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.
Village Hall Kallsen Conference Center

The Tinley Park Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order by Co-Chairman Robert Hayes and Vicki Hayes at 3:31 p.m.

Present: Co-Chairman Robert Hayes, Co-Chairman Vicki Hayes, Commissioners Andy Ashmus, Phyllis Groberski, June Tunelius, Marge Weiner, Marcie Hecht, Joe Staackmann, Char Van Treeck, Associate Members Mike Cutrano and Bob Van Treeck.

Guests: Linda Sullivan, Senior Center Assistant, Trustee Patricia Leoni, Assistant Village Manager Steve Tilton.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion was made by Phyllis Groberski, second by Marge Weiner to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2012 meeting as corrected.

Committee Reports

Bremen Township

Andy Ashmus reported no new information on Bremen Township. Information should be mailed out within the next couple of weeks. Andy also reported about free shows and guest speakers in Park Forest, Orland Park Library and Tinley Park Library, and a senior outing June 18th in Country Club Hills. Andy also reminded everyone Bremen Township collects old cell phones to be given to seniors for emergency calls.

Patty Leoni also stated the Crisis Center collects cell phones and if anyone has an old cell phone, bring it to her and she will get the phone to the Crisis Center.

Orland Township

No new business.

Frankfort Township

No new business. Linda Sullivan reported that lists of Frankfort activities have been posted in the center and additional information can be printed as needed.

Rich Township

No new business.

Senior Community Center

Finance Report

Linda Sullivan, Senior Center Assistant presented the finance report. The SSC has \$17,418.65 that can actually be used for expenses. Averaging \$1,000.00 a month with much of the money going for the cost of food.

Membership

Linda Sullivan reported we now have 289 members, 73 are missing. The last date to register is June 14th or names will be deleted from membership list. Final registration letter will be mailed out June 7th and the R.S.V.P. for the picnic is due June 14th. Linda thinks that next year seniors should be allowed to come in or phone in their registration in case they are unable to get to the center in person to register.

Andy Ashmus reported he has 5 volunteers from Together We Copy to help at picnic. Patty Leoni, Bob and Vicki Hayes also agreed to volunteer at the picnic.

Programs & Special Events

Marge Weiner reported a contract with Four Winds Casino for \$42.00 per person and includes a \$10.00 lunch voucher and \$15.00 for slots. Have to factor in charge for bus which Four Winds is sending for the trip on September 27th.

Marge also reported the following schedule:

July – Picnic starts at 11:30, food served at 12:30. Asking for food donations.

October 18th is the trip to see 42nd Street. Lunch is on your own at Tiebels.

December 6th is *Singing in the Rain* and includes lunch. Anticipates that trip will be sold out.

The singer Pamela Clark sent over was excellent and Marge wants to ask her reserve the same singer for next year.

Publicity & Newsletter Committee

Linda Sullivan reported the water reclamation article was sent to Jan Boling. Patty Leoni will try to have more newspaper publicity at the picnic in addition to Joe Staackman taking pictures.

Bulletin Board/Brochures Committee

Linda Sullivan said the Bulletin Board and Brochures are constantly updated and current. Everything is out on the table at the center. There is a new program with the state of Illinois called the Illinois Yellow Dot Program. You place a yellow dot in the back window of your car so that the police/fire know you have a medical condition and the information should be filled out in a booklet and kept in the dashboard. They ask if you are available for a picture so they know it is you driving and not someone else. She will be ordering the free packets for distribution.

Computer & Maintenance Issues

No computer or maintenance issues to report.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

New Business

Steve Tilton reported the Village approved the electrical contract with First Energy for our electrical supplier. This company will provide a 40% savings to residents. This is an automatic switch unless someone chooses to opt out. If you want to stay with Com Ed, then you will need to fill out a form or call and follow the procedures for opting out which will be provided in the letter from the Village. First Energy will be charging 4.74 cents per kilowatt hour compared to Com Ed charging 7.73 cents per kilowatt hour and soon Com Ed will be charging 8.00 cents per kilowatt hour. The Village will NOT be contacting anybody regarding this service other than the letter sent out. All information will be obtained directly from Com Ed and information should not be given out to anyone over the phone. The bill will still come from Com Ed. The Village will not be receiving any financial gain from this switch to First Energy.

Patty Leoni asked about those on the Budget Plan. Steve Tilton said the bill will be recalculated and still goes down by the same percentage.

Linda Sullivan inquired about other villages getting the same or similar service from other companies and Steve reported that you can go to a website www.power2switch.com for information and research based on your address.

Linda Sullivan reported a new service at www.Illinois.smp for the senior medicare control program. It is a new scam and wants seniors to be aware of all the little things people can do to get more information. This organization would like to come in and speak about the scam.

A vote by the Commission was made regarding the Mayor's Picnic. The following was voted and agreed upon:

DUE TO THE NEED FOR PROVIDING AN ADEQUATE AMOUNT OF FOOD FOR THE MAYOR'S PICNIC ON JULY 5, 2012, ONLY MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR CENTER WHO HAD REGISTERED BY JUNE 14, 2012 AS REQUESTED IN THE NEWSLETTER; AND HAD RECEIVED AN INVITATION AND RESPONDED AS REQUESTED, WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE EVENT.

A motion was made by Marge Weiner to accept the written statement for the picnic, second by Char Van Treeck.

Good of the Order

No July Senior Services Commission meeting due to the July 4th holiday.

On the day of the picnic, there will be no waiting in the hallway, participants can be seated inside.

Motion was made by Marge Weiner and second by Marcie Hecht to adjourn.
Meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.