

**Minutes of SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION
Meeting of November 4, 2015
Kallsen Conference Center**

CALL TO ORDER:

The Tinley Park Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chairman Bob Hayes.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman: Bob Hayes

Commissioners: Andy Ashmus
Rosemarie Bauer
Phyllis Groberski
Vicki Hayes
Marcie Hecht
Char Van Treeck
Bob Van Treeck, Associate
Mike Cutrano, Associate
Linda Sullivan, Senior Center Assistant
Bernard Brady, Village Trustee
Steve Tilton, Assistant Village Manager
Visitor Cortney Malinowski
(Bickford Senior Living)

Secretary: Denise Maly-Politano

Absent: Michael Pannitto, Village Trustee
Joe Staackmann
Marge Weiner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Commissioner Phyllis Groberski approved the Agenda, seconded by Char Van Treeck.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Char Van Treeck, seconded by Phyllis Groberski to approve the Minutes of the October 7, 2015 meeting of the Senior Services Commission. Motion was approved via voice vote.

REPORTS:

Senior Center Administrative Report

1. Financial Report:

Linda Sullivan distributed the current financial report, budget and list of bills paid.

2. Senior Community Center Operations:

Due to Marge Weiner's absence, Linda Sullivan reported.

Bye-Bye Birdie scheduled for March 17th has now been rescheduled to March 10th.

Drury Lane *White Christmas* is the next trip.

Committee Reports

1. Membership:

Linda Sullivan reported there are 231 members.

2. Programs and Special Events:

Linda also reported on the upcoming events for 2016: *Bye-Bye Birdie* March 10th, *Pump Boys and Dinettes* September 15th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Oktoberfest:

Linda Sullivan sent thank you notes to Andy Ashmus and Together We Cope, Culvers and HomeInstead who contributed to Oktoberfest with volunteers and donations. A collection of \$450.00 was made for TWC along with food items, clothes and winter coats. All items collected were donated to Together We Cope. Linda thanked all present who helped make Oktoberfest a success. Oktoberfest has already been booked for next year along with Culvers and entertainment.

Marcie Hecht stated that attendees were asking where the new mayor was as they were hoping to see him and meet him.

Winter Trip:

Bob Hayes is working on the “Diversion from Winter” trip to the Chicago History Museum. This will be a private tour of the cross roads exhibit with lunch at the museum café. Bob would like to hand out menus on the bus in order put in lunch orders when they arrive. Tickets go on sale December 8th and the trip date is February 18, 2016. Bus will depart at 9:00 a.m., return 3:00 p.m. Bob Hayes will handle all reservations. Linda Sullivan will reserve bus transportation. The cost is \$35.00 and includes the cost of the bus. In case of bad weather, an alternate date will be offered.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chair vs. co-chairs. Bob and Vicki Hayes discovered that the new mayor has eliminated co-chair positions. They were not notified specifically, but instead, found out when they received their commissioner cards. Bob Hayes is now Chair of the SSC and Vicki is a commissioner. Bob stated that if he is absent, members can still look to Vicki to run the meeting.
2. Trustee. Mike Cutrano stated that while it is great to see Trustee Brady attend the senior meetings, it would be nice to meet the new liaison Trustee Pannitto and asked if he will ever be attending a meeting? It was suggested that maybe he can make an appearance once a year.
3. Senior Center Space/Location. Linda Sullivan reported that Public Works was in the senior center surveying and measuring the space. Steve Tilton discovered PW was in the wrong room. They should have been looking at the space directly below the Senior Center.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS:

Cortney Malinowski reported on the Bickford progress. She also reported on the upcoming Bickford breakfast. The date is November 20th at the Odyssey Country Club to advertise and promote the Bickford. Invites have been mailed out and everyone should RSVP to Cortney. Space is limited. There will be entertainment and raffles.

Cortney explained the Bickford is mostly assisted living and you only pay for services as needed. Packages are individualized based on need. Rates begin at \$3700/month for a studio with no additional assistance. One bedrooms are also available. Three meals a day are included along with television service. Telephone service is on your own. They are pet friendly. Also looking for

volunteers in all age groups and hiring for all positions will be in the spring. Hope to recruit from Chamberlain school of nursing.

Steve Tilton reported there is no state legislation for natural gas at this time like there is for electric. He said the rates will go down in April with the aggregate electrical program as per the agreement with the village.

Steve Tilton reported on the class action litigation for water meters in Tinley Park. There should be a more detailed plan available in the next few months. The mayor and the board are committed to review the water meter situation. Additional factors are 1) how it can be done, 2) side effects and 3) money paid to class action attorneys.

Trustee Brady explained the village recognized the problem a while ago, hired a consultant, and tried to figure out what citizens were due. Once lawsuit was filed it meant the village could not move forward. The lawsuit was meant to protect citizens but it actually impeded the process.

Bob Hayes inquired about the land at the vacated health center. Trustee Brady stated the master plan was being put together to see if the village will purchase the land at the mental health center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Bob Hayes reminded everyone the next meeting is December 2nd and the holiday party is December 16th at Parmesans located in the 80th Avenue train station. There will be no January meeting.

Linda Sullivan stated that the Senior Center will be closed Thanksgiving and December 17 through January 1st. It will reopen on January 5th.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Phyllis Groberski seconded by Marcie Hecht to adjourn the regular meeting of the Senior Services Commission at 4:05 p.m.

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