

**CITY OF WIXOM
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER**

**49015 PONTIAC TRAIL
TUESDAY, November 13, 2018**

Chairman Korleski called the meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

Commission: Jean Korleski, Anna Contreras, Shirley Pfeffer, Connie Salvati, Joan Roberts, and Judy Celinske.

Absent: Larry Grant

Staff: Steve Brown (City Manager), Sheryl Lucas (Administrative Assistant to City Manager), Susan Stevens (Senior Coordinator)

Public: Ken Michlewicz, Suzie Bogrow and Mary Grant

Determination of a Quorum:

A quorum of the Senior Citizen Commission was present for this meeting.

September 11, 2018 Meeting Minute questions

Chairperson Korleski told everyone that November 13th is National Kindness Day and that should be remembered throughout today's meeting. She asked if anyone had questions regarding the minutes from the September 11, 2018 meeting minutes.

Chairperson Korleski asked Susan Stevens if the money raised for Angela Hospice during the Chinese auction fundraiser would be coming out of the Senior Activities Fund. Susan Stevens said that the money would be coming out of the account. Commissioner Pfeffer said she had a question regarding the statement on the monthly report that said Sr. Commission list of needs has been completed. Chairperson Korleski said we would get to that in a few minutes. New Commissioner Judy Celinske asked about the accumulative members on the same monthly report. Susan Stevens explained that that report contains information

from current and past years. Currently there are 93 members and last year at this time there were 194. Chairperson Korleski asked if Susan Stevens could get her the total number of members and Susan Stevens said she would. Susan Stevens said she will be sending out an email reminder to all those who have not registered as of yet.

Chairperson Korleski gave out Judy Celinske's email address and phone number. Commissioner Celinske asked if she could get contact information for the Commission. Susan Stevens said she would update the list and get that out to everyone. Commissioner Celinske then asked why there is so much repetitive information in the past minutes. Chairperson Korleski said that quite often items need to be revisited. Commissioner Celinske then asked if numbers were down. Susan Stevens said that when people register for different programs they can come in and sign the book or they can do it over the phone. The book does not reflect the call ins. Commissioner Celinske said that it was easier to sign up for different programs when there were clipboards across the desk. It was more of a group activity and you could look at all the programs as a group. Now that everything is in the book it is much harder to do it as a group and sometimes it is hard to find programs. The process is less social now. Chairperson Korleski wants to revisit clipboards instead of the book. Commissioner Celinske asked what the topic was for the Lunch and Learn; she thinks there needs to be more details in the newsletter. Susan Stevens said that the Lunch and Learn topic is retirement. Commissioner Salvati asked if Lorraine Stroup could announce some of the programs and events before exercise class and she told Susan Stevens that she loves the weekly email reminder of upcoming events. Susan Stevens said that on Thursdays she gives Mrs. Stroup the information to announce before the exercise classes for the next week.

City Manager, Steve Brown asked why all the information discussed during the September 11th meeting was not included in the minutes. He said his question is probably mute because there is a new recording secretary.

Chairperson Korleski referred back to Commissioner Pfeffer's question on the monthly report: Ronald McDonald tabs keeper is back and being utilized, a bookcase has been installed and they love it. Chairperson Korleski asked about getting a couch and Steve Brown said at this point it would not be done and chairs would not be replaced. The fabric material on the old furniture had to be

maintained and cleaned by staff if it was soiled. Chairperson Korleski asked if the board could purchase a couch. Steven Brown said it would still be a maintenance problem. She asked about a possible pleather material couch. Mr. Brown said we will see how it goes. Mr. Brown said he wants to go and check out different senior centers. Chairperson Korleski stated she would like to do that too. There was a question regarding the number of chairs and that they need more. Mr. Brown is going to ask Deanna Magee about the number of chairs. They moved on to the bulletin boards that use to be in the center and updated weekly with events and reminders. It was a dry erase board. Mr. Brown thought the Senior Center was going to be using the electronic board. Susan Stevens pointed out where the flyers and program information were placed around the Senior Center. Pictures and wall art was brought up next. Chairperson Korleski asked if the board would have a say in the artwork picked out. They want it to have a more home like feel. Commissioner Celinske suggested senior citizens could bring in old art work and maybe they could use that for the center. Mr. Brown commented that free art isn't always a good thing. The board said they would have to agree on any art brought in. Chairperson Korleski pointed out the Memorial plaque was back and that was great. The senior lounge sign has not been hung back up. Mr. Brown pointed out that the senior lounge is used in different ways so they are not sure about putting up the sign. He is trying to figure out which way to go on this subject. The commission agreed that hanging that sign up would not prevent the room being used for different groups. Chairperson Korleski said that she wouldn't cancel a wedding at the community center if the room the bride got dressed in was called the senior lounge. The group moved on to kitchen items that are missing which includes a toaster, bagel cutter, pots, pans and blenders. Mr. Brown said that they weren't going to have daily food prep in the kitchen anymore. Vice Chairperson Contreras stated that we have bagels delivered twice a week but no longer have the cutter or toaster to enjoy them. Mr. Brown said he would look into the toaster. Commissioner Pfeffer brought up signage on the building above the Community Center sign. She said no one knows where the senior center is. Mr. Brown said additional signage is not required. Commissioner Salvati suggested that the website give more detail as to where the senior center is located. Chairperson Korleski made a comment that pictures in the newsletter should be the members of the senior center. Mrs. Stevens said she has several pictures she can use from a variety of events.

Approval of September 11, 2018 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve meeting minutes was made by Chairperson Korleski. Commissioner Salvati approved the minutes and Vice Chairperson Anna Contreras seconded the motion.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to be reviewed.

Commissioner Celinske asked about why the calendar is no longer in the newsletter. Mrs. Stevens said that there is so much new programming that they don't have enough pages for the calendar. She said the calendar is available on the website and as a PDF. The board started to discuss mailing the newsletter and Chairperson Korleski asked what is easier mailing or emailing the newsletter. Mrs. Stevens said she would have to see. Chairperson Korleski said the seniors would be more than happy to come in and help with labeling the newsletters or with any events or programs. Mrs. Stevens said the seniors helped decorate for the Halloween party.

Chairperson Korleski asked if it would be possible to get the meeting minutes faster.

Call to the Public

Ken Michlewicz stated he has been attending the senior center for 18 years and really liked the dry erase board that was up with all the weekly programs and upcoming events. He also asked if the City could purchase cushions for the new chairs. Mr. Brown said the seniors would need to bring their own cushions. Mr. Michlewicz also wanted the seniors to know that Red Carpet Travel meets at Menards in Wixom for their trips, but if they only have a small group they will expect you to drive to Brighton.

The conversation went back to the newsletter. The newsletter is distributed every two months. Mrs. Stevens explained that she has to find sponsors to advertise in the bulletin and then the company tries to make the advertisement sale. Currently 350 newsletters are printed and the newsletter company wants us to order 500. Mrs. Stevens said this would not be productive and it would be wasteful. Mrs. Stevens has been handing out the newsletter to businesses in the community and sharing with them about the senior center. She is hoping they will

give some discounts for the lunch bunch group and take interest in our senior center.

Commissioner Pfeffer asked if Mrs. Stevens had scheduled AARP for tax help in January. Mrs. Stevens said she contacted them in August and they are all set for tax season. She then asked Mrs. Stevens about the flu shots. Mrs. Stevens explained that the flu shots kind of fell through the cracks. She had contacted CVS and they were going to have 40 vaccines available but then her contact person went on sick leave. Mr. Brown said better late than never and suggested Mrs. Stevens contact Rite Aid.

The board discussed the charitable organization they would be donating too. It is an organization called Vets Returning Home. The donation drive started on November 13, 2018 and would continue through December 13, 2018.

Commissioner Pfeffer did the ground work to find this organization.

Commissioner Pfeffer asked Mrs. Stevens how she would advertise this donation drive. Mrs. Stevens said she will post it on the City Facebook account but suggested the board take ownership of this project and word of mouth would be a great way to spread the news. There is a list of donations that are needed now for the group. Mrs. Stevens was going to make copies of this list. She would also be verifying that the organization can pick up the donated items.

Information: Senior Activity Fund Financial Statement

Chairperson Korleski said she already asked the question regarding the donation to Angela Hospice. Commissioner Celinske asked what type of things are purchased with the Senior Activity Fund. Chairperson Korleski said they purchase items such as games, and items the City can't purchase through their budget.

Call to the Public:

Ken Michlewicz asked who would be catering the Christmas party. Mrs. Stevens does not have the caterer yet. Chairperson Korleski said to make sure they have warmers for the food and Commissioner Celinske suggested that there be two lines for the food table. Commissioner Pfeffer said that sturdier plates are needed. Mrs. Stevens said she used the rest of the plates from the last events. Chairperson Korleski said it was good to use them up and people could just take two plates if needed.

Commissioner Salvati said that the Halloween party menu had too much pasta and no protein. She commented that many seniors have dietary restrictions so they need less carbs in their diet because of diabetes or other diseases. She also stated that she did the check in table and 50/50 at the last party and the tables need to be separate. She said her list did not have everyone's name on it. Mrs. Stevens said that she put her list out there and all the names were correct on that list.

Mrs. Stevens asked if there is always 50/50 at their events. They said yes to all the large events. Commissioner Roberts asked if the 50/50 table could be inside the event. Mrs. Stevens said yes.

There was discussion about some seniors not paying for the events or coming to potlucks and not bringing a dish. Mrs. Stevens assured the board that everyone paid that attended the Halloween party. Some had to pay the day of the party. There was further discussion about a disruptive senior and Commissioner Roberts thanked Mrs. Stevens for handling a difficult situation without causing more disruptive behavior.

The board discussed birthdays and Suzie Bogrow said the City use to supply the protein and the birthday cake for the birthday bingo potluck.

Call to Public:

No response.

Commissioner Roberts asked about the cost of the Thanksgiving Feast. Chairperson Korleski said that they always charge more for non-members. Commissioner Roberts thought \$15 was too much. Chairperson Korleski said it could be an inducement to become a member of the senior center. Chairperson Korleski said that sometimes the board will defray the cost by \$2 and then members only pay \$8. She suggested maybe they can do this for the Christmas party. The board asked who would be performing at the Christmas party and Mrs. Stevens said she was looking at two bands. Mrs. Stevens said the Thanksgiving party will be a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and there is a new chef this year.

Commissioner Pfeffer asked Mrs. Stevens if she checks the membership status of seniors signing up for the different events. Mrs. Stevens said yes she does.

Chairperson Korleski stated she was looking at the Senior Commission by-laws and their job is three fold. They are an advisory group, a group that provides recommendations and one that provides development of programs that benefit and interest the seniors. Chairperson Korleski said the seniors want to help and want to share their recommendations to make it a better senior center. Mr. Brown said that Mrs. Stevens wants to hear their recommendations and will implement them if it is possible.

Adjournment:

The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.