

**Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Minutes**  
**January 21, 2020**  
**Village of Sussex, WI**

**Meeting called to order 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Waltz**

**Members Present:** Trustee Gregory Zoellick, Art Rude, Jen Waltz, Roger Johnson, Shirley Johnson and Pat Magdic.

**Members Absent:** Claire Moe

**Also present:** Jean Horner, Senior Program Coordinator, Halie Dobbeck, Sussex Park and Recreation Director, Josh Hakes, Waukesha County Sussex Nutrition Site Manager and Jeremy Smith, Village Administrator.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Discussion and Possible Action on minutes of November 19, 2019:**

Motion to by R. Johnson, seconded by Rude to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

**Discussion on Waukesha County Senior Dining Sussex Site –Josh Hakes reported:**

Hakes reported that Waukesha County Nutrition served 170,000 meals in 9 sites countywide in 2019. The Sussex Congregate meal participants were down last year, however our home deliveries were up. The Sussex site is one of the top two in the county for the following reasons.

- Close senior parking proximity
- Programs and activities that the Village provides (Horner senior programs, classes, trips)
- Strong volunteer base
- Other participants – Social plus meal
- Comfort/music – Josh provides

The program provides 1/3 of the daily requirement for seniors at a very low cost. Things that the village and the county do to encourage seniors to participate include special event planning, speakers, coupons and flyers in other programming and events.

**Discussion and possible action on Senior Citizens Advisory Committee purchasing a park bench for the new Village Park area from the Senior Trust Fund.**

Horner reported at the request of S. Johnson, that as of today there is approximately \$37,950 in the Senior Advisory Trust Fund. Dobbeck reported that they are currently looking for donors to purchase benches in the new park area at a cost of approximately \$1000 per bench. After some

discussion, S. Johnson made a motion to purchase two benches at a cost of approximately \$1000 each from the Senior Trust Fund to be placed – 1 at the pickle ball courts and the other at the Splash pad area to be facing in the southern direction. Magdic 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Motion carried.

#### **Discussion and possible action on a yearly contribution for Rock-a-Thon senior meal coupon - donation from the Senior Advisory Trust Fund.**

Horner reported that we have been asking annually for a donation to provide coupons for our senior meals at our annual Rock-a-thon celebration. The committee feels this is good use of funds as it encourages seniors to participate in the event. R. Johnson made a motion to use \$500 annually from the Senior Trust Fund for Rock-a-thon senior coupons, seconded by Magdic.

Motion carried.

#### **Discussion and possible action on Rock-a-thon 2020 entertainer choice.**

Horner reported that we have hired Jerry and Nora for many years for our annual event. After some discussion Zoellick made a motion to extend a contract to Jerry and Nora for Rock-a-thon 2020 on May 19, seconded by R. Johnson.

Motion carried.

#### **Senior Coordinator Report – Horner reporting**

- Holiday Swag December 4, 2019 - 100 seniors participated. Transport provided by Grace Commons and money donated by many businesses and the Senior Advisory Committee. This was the first year with everything at the Civic Center. Staff is considering tweaking times/check in procedures/Sussex Senior dining lunch etc. Generally all went very well.
- Celebration of Generations – Crocheting instruction and a community service project was a lot of fun this summer. We posted a picture on our Facebook page of the quilt being donated to SOS. As a result we were contacted by WISN Channel 12 about coming out and meeting and interviewing our needle workers. The Happy Hookers aired on Channel 12 on Dec. 18. Great story and much community feedback and yarn donations as a result.
- Gnomes for the Holidays Dinner Party was held on Dec. 11 – Brownie Troop, Meijer, Brookdale, Lake Country landing, Senior Advisory Board, Optimist Club Volunteers. 125 seniors dined and enjoyed the evening.
- Lunch Events: Holiday Christmas Lunch – Hamilton choir was here to entertain about 80 seniors. Transport for the students was provided thru a donation by Bluestone Physician Services.
- Work on the Summer Activity Guide is already underway. Leap Year Dinner Party – Wednesday February 5 – currently almost full and the Wine Tasting Party on April 29 is half full.

- Trips - half of our spring trips are full at this time as well. Staff plans to continue our partnership with Men. Falls, Hartland and Pewaukee.

#### **Directors Report – Dobbeck Reported**

- Summer event planning is underway which includes 2 Pints in Park events and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Block Party. Voting for parks to hold the Pint celebrations will be taking place soon.
- New Park Pavilion grand opening will be held on May 30.
- Sledding party Saturday Jan. 18 was highly attended due to great snowy weather.
- Volunteer Breakfast for village wide volunteers will be held tomorrow. We will be announcing our volunteer of the year and our volunteer group of the year at the event.

#### **Village Administrators Report – Smith Reported**

- New building on the corner of Main and Silver Spring will possibly include two new restaurants, a rehab business and apartments above. Building detail will have a homage to our old Village Hall.
- Kwik Trip is building on the new site at K & 164. Opening in December 2020. An unnamed retailer is looking at the site adjacent to Kwik Trip.
- Maple Avenue construction will be begin in March and last thru November of 2020. Much of Maple Avenue will be accessible throughout this process.

#### **Topics for Future Agendas – none**

#### **Adjournment:**

S. Johnson made a motion to adjourn at 4:55 pm, seconded by Zoellick. Motion carried.

#### **Next meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2020**

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Horner