

SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 7, 2019
AMENDED MINUTES

A **MEETING** of the Senior Advisory Committee was held on Monday, October 7, 2019, at the offices of Downers Grove Township, 4340 Prince Street, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Gaye Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

2. Roundtable Introductions

Roundtable introductions were made by all present.

3. Review/Approve Minutes

Chairperson Gaye Wagner established that a quorum was present. All present reviewed the Minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting. Kathy Abbate made a motion to approve said Minutes, and was seconded by Pat Klebenow. A unanimous voice vote approved said Minutes.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Committee Reports

A. There was no Chair/Co-Chair report.

B. Karen Kelly, Township Trustee, gave an update on the new building to be constructed on Township property. The Downers Grove Village Council voted to designate funds to reimburse the Township from the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Fund for storm water mitigation to meet requirements and assist with the cost of the building project estimated to begin in Spring 2020.

C. Cathy encouraged people to attend the next Senior Survival Skills Class on October 24th. "Get the 411 on the 911" Speakers will include: Troy Agema (DCSP), Lynn Dralle (WFD) and Jim Schneider (WPD). Topics to include: 911 assists, well-being checks, scams etc.

D. Oktoberfest: Cathy reported that the fundraiser on 10/3 at Oak Trace was very successful with a 30% increase over last year. About \$6300 was earned in admission tickets and sponsorships, while over \$900 was earned in raffle tickets from 19 "baskets" donated/created.

E. The Car Care Clinic had 38 cars, which was less than last year and most likely to the inclement weather. New trainees for AARP Car Fit earned their certification by assisting veteran trainers with the Car Fit process. An adequate number of volunteers made the process run smoothly. Adding to efficiency this year was dividing the checklist into three parts: Car Fit, Tires & Air iPressure, and Mechanics. Troy Agema was joined by Sheriff's Office Explorers to perform the air pressure checks. We had an improved tire gauge, which was provided by Gus's Auto Repair. Downers Grove Township was joined by AAA, The Community House, Westmont Park District, AARP, PACE and Clemen's Enterprises in distributing information to attending seniors. Dunkin Donuts, Great American Bagel and Trader Joe's all donated refreshments.

6. Village & County News/Update

A. Alice Krampits reported that Westmont Park District will be hosting holiday related events including a Trick or Treat Trail, Casket Races, a pumpkin drop and the Annual Hall Fun Fair on 10/31. For XMAS they are accepting applications for the Holly Days Craft Show @\$50 a table on Sunday, 11/24 from 9-4pm. Please check out their website or newsletter for more information.

B. Lynn Dralle of Westmont Fire Department reported that Hinsdale and other town fire departments were doing a *Silent Parade* on Friday October 11th in honor of Fire Prevention Week. They will also have an Open House on Saturday, 10/12 from 11-3pm. They will also be doing a "Burn House" at their South Station on Cass to see how fast a house will burn for training purposes

D. Julie Larson of DuPage County Senior Services did a presentation on Dupage County Senior and Community Services

- a. Brochures Very Important- Press 2
- b. Eligibility- 60+ for various programs
- c. SHIP Counselors - come to their office they help with ACA, Medicaid and Benefit Access
- d. Transportation- Sponsors of Ride Dupage- Naperville, Warrenville, Wheaton & DuPage County
 - i. Requirements include: any age, low income, medical visit within Dupage County only. \$1.50 first 6 miles, \$1.50 per mile after that
 - ii. Seniors one ride per week for free
 - iii. Depending on funding, the program runs from October - June/July; possibly August & September as well; however, funding for this program ended in February this past year due to frequent use
 - iv. Other options for transport include: home health agencies, Medica for bed bound (\$40 each way + mileage), Interfaith Community Partners in association with RAN in Naperville
- b. Choices for Care
 - i. "Options Counseling" (NOT psychological) can phone in for this:
 - 1) working 2) school 3) move > make it manageable > client-based > life coach to take the next steps
 1. assessment must be done for Medicaid patients to be discharged to a nursing home from the hospital
 2. Social Workers on staff as case managers and will do home assessment w/clients at home- there is no charge for this
 3. When calling Senior Services go to Intake> Choices> Options
- c. Community Care Program- Affordable Help for the Activities of Daily Living- 60+ age
 - i. Remain/stay in home- mostly residential homes
 - ii. Non-medical assistance- meal prep etc. no cost
 - iii. Income-based w/assets below \$17,500- does not include house or car
 - iv. Home Care Aid, Emergency Response Button, Adult Day Care, Light Housekeeping; Not 24/7 however
 - v. Further information can be found at: www.dupageco.org/seniorsvcs.

10. **Adjournment**

Upon motion to adjourn made by Kathy Abbate, seconded by Robert Petranek, and by unanimous voice vote, the Meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cathy Rager

Cathy Rager, Recording Secretary