

**CITY OF WIXOM
SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION MEETING
COMMUNITY CENTER
49015 PONTIAC TRAIL
TUESDAY, March 12, 2019**

Chairperson 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, Joan Roberts, Judy Celinske and Connie Salvati.

Absent: Larry Grant

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

Public: Ken Michlewicz, Suzie Bogrow, Shirley Pfeffer, Connie Malloy, Kathy Moore, Ed Jones, and Janet Jones

Determination of a Quorum:

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

Changes or Additions to the Agenda:

Chairperson Korleski stated there were no changes or additions to the agenda.

January 8, 2019 Meeting Minute questions

Chairperson Korleski asked everyone to take a few minutes and read the minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting since they were seeing the minutes for the first time at the meeting. A few moments were taking and then Chairperson Korleski asked if anyone had questions regarding the minutes.

The board questioned when the new signage would be in place, Mr. Brown said he is waiting on the proposal and he expects to have it by Friday, March 15. (Tabled) Chairperson Korleski asked if the toaster and bagel cutter were now in the kitchen. Mrs. Stevens said both were in the kitchen. Chairperson Korleski then asked about a new couch for the Senior Center. Mr. Brown replied that there

were going to be some changes at City Hall and possibly a couch could come from there. (Tabled)

The board asked about the correct number of paid memberships and Mrs. Stevens said paid memberships are at 125. Membership is down and there needs to be a membership drive and possibly partner with Milford, Novi and Highland.

Chairperson asked about the clipboards. Mrs. Stevens said the clipboards were not put out because in the past some of the sheets have gone missing. Chairperson Korleski asked if it was the Euchre sheet and she said no. Commission member Contreras asked if the cameras work in the center and Mrs. Stevens said yes. Mrs. Stevens has been taking the sign in sheets to the larger exercise classes and events so members can sign up. She does have 3 books out in the Senior Center that the seniors can look through and sign up for daily events.

The newsletters will be mailed out for the May/June and July/August editions. The newsletters will be labeled and members can pick their newsletters up; any newsletters not picked up will be mailed to the members. Mrs. Stevens will also be emailing the newsletters. Mr. Brown reiterated the procedure and schedule for the newsletters.

There was an error on the financial statement and Mrs. Stevens will correct it.

Approval of January 8, 2019 Senior Commission Meeting Minutes:

Chairperson Korleski motioned for the January 8, 2019 meeting minutes to be approved. Connie Salvati was first to approve the minutes and Anna Contreras was second to approve the meeting minutes.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence to be reviewed.

Call to Public

Chairperson Korleski announced the Call to the Public. Shirley Pfeffer asked about the beginning balance on the Financial information, it was explained that the date was an error and would be corrected. Shirley Pfeffer stated she

never saw the clipboards out. Mrs. Stevens explained that she had them out at the different exercise class and events. Mrs. Stevens was asked to have the clipboards out by the end of the week instead of the books. Shirley Pfeifer asked about the memorial plaque and if Don Good's name was going to be added. Chairperson Korleski explained that they update the memorial plaque quarterly since it is done for free. She waits for 3 or 4 names so she doesn't wear out her welcome and the service remains free.

Mayor Richard Ziegler introduced himself and said he was at the meeting to introduce the newly appointed commission member, George Carty, but that Mr. Carty was not present. He believed there may have been miss communication. Mr. Carty has been a Wixom resident for over 32 years and lives in Highgate on the Lake. Mayor Ziegler believes he will make an excellent addition to the commission.

Mr. Ed Jones said he hasn't been to the Senior Center in about eight months and has no idea if he is even a member. He didn't receive anything in the mail. Chairperson Korleski said to check with Mrs. Stevens and they would welcome his payment as a member.

Mr. Ken Michlewicz said that the travel trips don't need a clipboard since you have to take the bottom off to fill out information and send in with payment. Commission member Celinske said the clipboards are generally used for the daily events. Mr. Michlewicz asked about the erasable white board and why that isn't out with the daily activities listed. Mrs. Stevens said that the information appears digitally on the television. Shirley Pfeiffer said there hasn't been anything on the television this past week except music. Mrs. Stevens said she is currently updating the information. Chairperson Korleski said the erasable board is easy and allows for a quick check on the information. Connie Malloy said she enjoys the emails Mrs. Stevens sends out but would like the erasable board up in the center when she stops in because it is easy to see the activities. She said a lot of seniors don't have email so they don't know the activities. Suzie Bogrow said membership use to be at 300. Kathy Moore said they use to hold general meetings twice a month and they would have skits, games and the ballroom would be packed. Shirley Pfeiffer said when she was getting her taxes done at the community center that a woman from Novi was having her taxes done too; she said she had no idea that Wixom had a senior center.

Tabled motions during the January 8, 2019 meeting have been covered, except for the signage for the Senior Center Lounge.

Commission member Celinske said she would like to see more transparency as to where the funds for the Senior Center come from, is the City actively pursuing grants from the State and Federal governments. Mr. Brown said they need to have a discussion with Deanna Magee and Mr. Brown said he would speak to Chairperson Korleski regarding the funds.

Commission member Roberts had a question on the cost of meals, she wondered why they were being charged if the event was sponsored. Mrs. Stevens said even though events might be sponsored it doesn't always cover the total cost of the event. Mrs. Stevens said it is really a case by case basis because it depends on the sponsorships. Chairperson Korleski said the board is looking at the possibility of defraying the cost of the summer picnic by \$2 for paid members. Commission member Salvati asked if they would be adding door prizes and smaller gifts for events as an incentive for seniors to come.

Suzi Bogrow said the erasable board will help people know and Ken Michlewicz stated that other centers were having corn beef and cabbage for St. Patrick's Day not roast beef. Commission member Contreras said they just had corn beef at the last event. Shirley Pfeffer asked if we add an additional 10 people to the RSVP number. She also commented that the City use to buy the entrée and birthday cake for the Birthday Bingo potlucks. Mr. Brown said he would look into it.
(Tabled)

Unfinished Business

Chairperson Korleski stated that there was already discussion on the signage for the Senior Center. (Tabled)

Information: Senior Activity Fund Financial Statement

There were no questions regarding the Senior Activity Fund.

New Business

Chairperson Korleski brought up the lack of respect being shown the seniors. She called it elder abuse for lack of better words. She said the Center belongs to the seniors. She told all the seniors present that they were always welcome at the

center to play cards, games or the Wii. She said the kitchen was theirs to use also. They don't need permission to go into the kitchen. Chairperson Korleski said to contact her if anyone felt they were not being respected, or if they were not allowed to use their center. It was pointed out that lights were being turned off early in the Center when the seniors were still there trying to play games and cards. Mr. Brown said he wanted to clarify that he didn't think elder abuse were the correct words to use and that no one was being physically hurt. He did agree that respect must be shown to everyone and that goes both ways.

Suzi Bogrow commented that during movie and pizza she came over to get pizza and she felt like she was yelled at by the sponsor. Commission member Contreras spoke about a man that comes to events and takes lots of food and peels cheese off pizza boxes. She is going to point him out to Mrs. Stevens. Shirley Pfeffer and others came for the Medicare lunch and learn at the Senior Center because they didn't know it had been cancelled. Mrs. Stevens said she did let everyone know that it was cancelled because only one person actually signed up for the event. Chairperson Celinske asked what is considered the number that makes an event a good turn-out. Mrs. Stevens said about 16. Mrs. Stevens said that she has received compliments daily for the new programming, the email blasts and the marquee. Chairperson Korleski agreed that the email blast is a great idea.

Connie Malloy asked about the aquatics at Carls YMCA in Milford. Mrs. Stevens said that she has been speaking with their director, Jill, about drop in classes at special pricing without being a member of their silver sneakers program. Jill has been out with pneumonia so the details have not been ironed out yet. Mrs. Stevens is trying to schedule a lunch and learn about the YMCA so the programs can be promoted. Mrs. Stevens called the Holiday Inn Express to ask about the seniors using the pool but they asked about insurance liability and Mrs. Stevens said that is uncharted territory for her. Suzi Bogrow said that Lifetime fitness offers aquatics for \$29 and the water is warm.

Mr. Brown brought up the membership issue. Mr. Brown and Mrs. Stevens are going to meet and discuss specifics ideas to increase membership. Mr. Brown thinks posting on facebook about the senior center would be a great idea. Connie Malloy commented on Ron Moore's posts and how popular they are with residents. Mr. Brown said he has used a Five card idea, where you give someone a card with Wixom Senior Center information on it and invite them to come.

Everyone could give out five cards each to spark interest. Mr. Brown is going to check into pricing for the cards. Commission member Contreras said that Jo sent out information in Leisure Coop regarding all the exercise programs offered at the City of Wixom Senior Center.

Shirley Pfeffer asked if it was possible to get the movie information for two months at a time. Mrs. Stevens said she doesn't always know what is available that far in advance. Shirley Pfeffer asked if they were allowed to play the Wii whenever they wanted too. Mrs. Stevens told her yes, but if they want to be part of the tournament they need to sign up.

Mr. Ken Michlewicz said that he has talked to a person that works at Highland Senior Center and they told him they have reached out to the City of Wixom but no calls have been returned.

Commission Comments:

No comments were made

Staff Comments:

No comments were made

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Chairperson Korleski. Commission member Connie Salvati approved the motion and Commission member Anna Contreras seconded the motion. The meeting of the Senior Citizen Commission was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.