

Senior Services Commission

October 16, 2017

There are two new members to the commission: Luella Landis and Mike Parent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patricia Alsup at 10:30 a.m.

Roll Call:	Patricia Alsup	Theresa Fucini	Luella Landis
	Madeline Lowry	Mike Parent	Linda Polke
	Mertie Terry	Helen Zalewski	

Absent: Patricia Sienna

Others: Amy Saada, Senior/Human Services Director
Wesley Bell, Public Health Director
Al Waters, Town Council Liaison

Approval/Amendment of Agenda

Motion to approve the amended agenda (to include additional items) made by Linda Polke; seconded by Helen Zalewski. All in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Regular Meeting made Helen Zalewski; seconded Theresa Fucini. All in favor. Motion carried.

Senior/Human Services Director's Report – Amy Saada

Grants/Funding – No updates.

The statistics show that average daily attendance for September was 108; 286 people participated in an event; 103 people went on trips and 14 people logged volunteer hours.

The Senior Center has been painted and are now awaiting the installation of blinds. Amy has spoken with the Town Manager and would like to make the dining room more of a multi-purpose space with round tables (8) and chairs (40) and some comfortable leather chairs. Mike Parent will look on line for prices and Theresa Fucini will look in some stores. Amy will get three price quotes.

The Commission has tabled the motion to use Senior Center Funds for these items until next month.

Currently, they are down a driver (due to a medical leave) so they had to deny more rides. Amy said that they are very short staffed.

The donations for September for the food bank are 1,707 pounds of food and \$40 in monetary donations.

The balance in the Senior Donation Account is \$22,267.71.

The holidays are coming. There will be Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. The "Adopt A Family" program will collaborate with other town organizations. There are still some toys left over from last year.

There will be a turkey collection with the fire department at Stop and Shop on November 18, 2017.

There will be in Senior Expo in the gymnasium on October 17, 2017.

A "lunch and learn" event and an evening dinner will both be on October 19, 2017.

There will be a car fit event sponsored by AARP on October 21, 2017 from 9-12 (by appointment).

Director of Public Health Update – Wesley Bell

The mosquito season is coming to an end.

The fall flu clinic is scheduled for October 25, 2017 in the town hall gym. No copayment is required; bring ID and medical card. It will be Flublok from Protein Sciences.

There are additional flu clinics in Middletown and Middlefield.

The flu vaccine is good for one year.

Radon Test Kits are available in the health department (2nd floor of Town Hall) in conjunction with the Department of Public Health. It is important to complete the test procedure. If someone takes a kit and does not use it within 10 days, s/he will be charged \$20. There are 50 kits available.

Council Liaison Update – Al Waters

A 7-year tax abatement has been approved for a company to build a 350,000 square foot building near the Transfer Station. They will be taxed on the building, but not the equipment.

Shop Rite is waiting for the state traffic commission to review the exit/entrance from the plaza to Route 3.

Old Business

At a previous meeting, Linda Polke had wanted a donation made in memory of Mary Konopka to come out of the donation fund. Amy confirmed that the donation fund cannot be used for this.

Mertie Terry recently received a \$25 donation. This will be used to host a coffee honor in honor of Mary Konopka. The event will be held on Tuesday, November 14th from 10-12 in the lobby of the Town Hall. Donations will be accepted. Linda will talk to Mary's family and get pictures.

New Business

- a. The 2018 meeting dates for the Senior Commission will be distributed next month.
- b. Mike Parent inquired as to who updates the minutes on line. The agenda and minutes for the Senior Commission are outdated. Patricia Alsup will check with someone in the Town Clerk's office.

Citizens Comments – None

Motion made by Theresa Fucini to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m.; seconded by Helen Zaleswki. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Stockman

Recording Clerk