

MANSFIELD COMMISSION ON AGING

MINUTES OF JUNE 10, 2019

PRESENT: Laurie McMorrow (2020), Bev Korba (2021), Martina Wharton (2020), Dorothea Mersier (2020), Joanne Sousa (2021), Nancy Trawick-Smith (2020), John Riesen (2020), Don Nolan (2020)

ABSENT: Will Bigl, John Adamcik, Judy Bigl

GUESTS: Toni Moran, Deputy Mayor

STAFF LIASON MEMBERS PRESENT: Pat Schneider, Director of Human Services- Sarah Taylor, Senior Center Supervisor- Marie Hakmiller, MSCA

COMMUNITY LIASON MEMBERS PRESENT: Fran Chesko, Glen Ridge Cooperative- Rosemary Beecher, Juniper Hill Village

May 13, 2019 minutes accepted with one correction.

PAT SCHNEIDER'S REPORT:

- Proposed budget will aid in sustaining projects for Senior Center.
- Laundry room has been relocated to Wright's Way. Former space in Senior Center will be worked on during shut-down.
- Health & Wellness services will be moved to space in main building of Center making it more user friendly.
- Former Health & Wellness space will be used as a conference room.
- Long range planning will continue during shut-down.

SARAH TAYLOR'S REPORT:

- There will be an emphasis on staff training.
- Café opening is planned for last week of July.
- Events will be planned for September, Senior Center month.
- Senior Center Library will offer caregiver resources.

MARIE HAKMILLER'S REPORT:

- **MSCA** will be awarding grants to art groups.
- Annual meeting scheduled for end of October 2019.
- **MSCA** currently has 145 members.

COMMUNITY LIASON REPORTS:

GLEN RIDGE COOPERATIVE: Four units for sale. A garden club started by members is new addition to community activism efforts.

JUNIPER HILL VILLAGE: Annual tag sale is planned for October. Administrator is resigning to take a new position at facility closer to home. A new Resident Service Coordinator for the cottages has been hired and will be working 3 to 4 days a week.

WRIGHT'S WAY REPRESENTATIVE: John Adamcik has resigned from his position.

NEW BUSINESS: Martina Wharton presented her report following attendance at a Special Joint Meeting of Sustainable Committees. Several agencies were present with 10 members each. One issue for consideration to COA is to examine how we are representing the diverse needs of the seniors in our community.

TONI MORAN'S PRESENTATION:

The deputy Mayor was invited to address the role COA plays in meeting the needs of seniors in the Mansfield community. Members are considering editing the "charge" of the Commission since the original was established in 1974. Ms. Moran stated "leaders build constituency" and reminded us of the importance of building "followership and preparing leaders". She also stressed the importance of communicating expectations amongst the members of a Committee. She encouraged direct communication with Council members to discuss issues of importance to senior's via phone calls, letters or e-mails. A suggestion was made to provide the Council with an annual report highlighting completed and anticipated goals related to enhancing the quality of life for all seniors in Mansfield.

A SPECIAL COA MEETING will be held on July 16, 2019 @ 9:30 am in the Town Hall Council Chamber. A new leadership model and a recommendation for COA charge revision will be discussed.

Meeting adjourned @ 11:05am

Next meeting will be held on September 9, 2019 @ Senior Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bev Korba, Secretary