Mansfield Commission on Aging Agenda
9:30 AM – Mansfield Senior Center
Monday, August 11, 2014

Members: Please call Will Bigl at 860-429-0180 if you cannot attend.

I. **Call to Order:**

II. Acceptance of Minutes of the **July 14, 2014** meeting.

III. **Correspondence** – Chair and Staff:

IV. **Optional Reports** on Services/Needs of Town Aging Populations
   A. Health, Social, Recreational and Educational:
   B. Housing:
      1) Juniper Hill (Martina Wharton); Jensen's Park (Emile Poirier); Glen Ridge; (Linda Savage) Wrights Way (Estelle Elliot); Assisted Living; Other Related Town and Regional Organizations.
         i. Need representative from Glen Ridge

   C. Human Services Advisory Committee: (Joan Terry)

V. **New Business**
   - Email addresses

VI. **Old Business**
   A. Bus Shelter Update
   B. Mansfield Festival September 21st – joint with MSCA

VI. **Opportunity for the Public to Address the Commission**

VII. **Adjournment**

Next meeting: **Monday, September 8th, 2014 at 9:30am** -- Mansfield Senior Center

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COMMISION on AGING MINUTES

JULY 14, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: April Holinko (2014), Steve Kegler, Bev Korba (2014), Laurie McMorrow (2014), Don Nolan (2014), Bettejane Karnes (2015), Sam Gordon

ABSENT: Joan Terry (2014), Martina Wharton (Juniper Hill), Will Bigl (2015)

STAFF: Cindy Dainton (Senior Center Supervisor), Pat Schneider (Dir. Of Human Services)

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: Estelle Elliott (Senior Center Assoc.), Emile Poirier (Jensen's), Estelle Elliott (Wrights Way)

April Holinko acted as co-chair in Will Bigl's absence. June 9, 2014 minutes were reviewed and motion made and seconded to accept with corrections. Email list will be reviewed because some members did not receive copy.

It was reported by Steve Kegler that the Committee on Committees have filled the three openings on the COA. Jennifer Mary Hopkins and Nancy Travick Smith were accepted the third name was unknown at this time.

Pat Schneider's report: Improvements to Senior Center dining room are almost completed. The existing cabinets will be replaced with new ones and a sink to provide for easier food prep and hand washing.

Sarah Taylor has been hired as the new Program Coordinator and will start her new job on Monday, July 21, 2014. She was previously the director of the Coventry Senior Center.

The state grant budget allows hiring a 15 hour per week van driver with continued help from volunteers.

Cindy Dainton's report: Senior Happenings for July was passed out to all in attendance.

Cindy encouraged letting seniors know they should register for the August 7th barbecue ASAP.

Estelle Elliott's report: Association will vote on September's budget at next meeting.

Senior Center and the town will make a collaborative effort to combine **Sparks** and **Senior Happenings** into one newsletter.

Laurie Morrow's report: Juniper Hill has received a grant for new outbuildings; further information will be available in the near future.

Juniper Hill will be offering a few available units and is presently updating their waiting list.

Emile Poirier's report: Carolyn McAuliffe (Outreach Worker) will be the speaker at Jensen's monthly on July 21st.

Jensen's is having an auction on Saturday, July 19, 2014 from 9AM to 1 PM. Public is invited to attend. Proceeds will go into the recreation club fund.

There are presently 4 vacancies at Jensen's.

Estelle Elliott's report: There are two new water gardens added to the grounds at Wrights Way. Residents can expect some new improvements in the near future. There are no vacancies at present time.

April Holinko (co-chair) encouraged committee members to attend tonight's Town Council meeting because the request for a bus shelter on route 275 was put on the agenda and a presentation by Public Works Department was expected.

Committee members discussed sharing a table with the Senior Center Association at the Mansfield Festival scheduled for September 21, 2014. Members were asked to think about what kind of material or activity could be used to get our message out to the public. It will be discussed again at the next COA meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Next COA meeting scheduled for Monday, august 11, 2014 @ 9:30am in the Craft Room of the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted by Bev Korba in the absence of Joan Terry, Secretary