

Mansfield Commission on Aging

Minutes of September 14, 2015

Meeting called to order @ 9:35 am

PRESENT: Will Bigl (2015), Bev Korba (2017), Martina Wharton (2018), Laurie McMorrow (2017), Don Nolan (2017)

STAFF: Sara Taylor, Senior Center Supervisor, Pat Schneider, Human Services Director

GUEST: David Palmer, Juniper Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bettejane Karnes, Jennifer Hoskins, Judy Bigl, Nancy Trawick Smith, Jean Ann Kenny

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES: John Adamcik, Wright's Way

June 8, 2015 minutes reviewed & accepted.

PAT SCHNEIDER'S REPORT: Many much needed changes have been implemented or are on the agenda for the near future.

- Dining room floor has been replaced.
- New chairs for dining room are on order.
- Walkways in front of building will be redone due to fall risk problems.
- Changes in present heating system will be looked at. Some heating units will be moved.
- Repair & re-stain building facade.
- Trees in front of building will be trimmed to eliminate dampness problem that has affected siding.
- Stairs in front of building will be taken out due to poor design for safe access to building.
- A long term goal is to look at safety issues.

New Program Coordinator, Kristin Caramanica has given her notice & has taken a position closer to her home & family. A search will be initiated immediately to fill this very important full time position. Sara will have a temporary person to help until position is filled.

SARA TAYLOR'S REPORT:

- Invitations have gone out for the upcoming 40th Anniversary Celebration at the Senior Center.
- Town-wide newsletter was a success allowing all seniors to have a closer look at a schedule of events.
- Sara stated that limited space for programs is still a problem.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS: Juniper Hill, David Palmer is considering being a representative. There will be an "end of summer" party in their new pavilion. He is presently trying to start a resident association group that has not existed @ Juniper Hill for some time.

Glen Ridge has invited Pat Schneider and Sara Taylor to meet with the Executive Board of Glen Ridge on September 21, 2015 to discuss ways in which to help those members that are aging in place.

PAT SCHNEIDER gave Human Service Advisory committee's report in Jennifer Hoskin's absence.

ANNUAL REPORT was reviewed. New goals & accomplishments were discussed & copy will be given at next meeting.

Board members are not happy with new bus shelter on route 275 but are aware that it will have to suffice. It is smaller than expected especially if needed to accommodate wheel chairs.

MARTINA WHARTON reported on a scam involving the SNAP program. A notice was given to all present to post in their communities.

NEW SENIOR CENTER REPORT was given to all members. (See attached)

MARTINA WHARTON made a motion to accept list of COA meeting dates for 2016. All present agreed.

Meeting was adjourned @ 10:45 am

Next meeting will be held on October 19, 2015 @ 9:30 am in Senior Center Craft Room

Respectfully submitted by Bev Korba, Secretary