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**Human Services Advisory Committee
Minutes of April 27, 2016 Meeting**

Present: Ron Baker (Member at Large); Will Bigl (Comm. on Aging); Ethel Mantzaris (YSB), chair; Victoria Nimirowski (WAIM); Joan Terry (Senior Center Assn.)

Absent: Lorraine Kenowski (Member at Large); Carol Norrish, (Mansfield Advocates for Children)

Staff: Pat Schneider (Director of Human Services); Kurt Vincente (Director of Parks and Recreation); Jay O'Keefe (Asst. Director of Parks and Recreation)

Guests: Mr. & Mrs. David Simaneau, April Holinko, Fred ???

The chairman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The minutes from the January 27, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

Staff – Pat updated us on the work and staffing of the Human Resource Department. Danielle Anabelini has been hired as the Youth Services Social Worker and begins work the first week in May. The fact that the department has been able to utilize some 200 volunteers makes it possible for staff to accomplish a great deal. Both Pat and Will commented on transportation issues and efforts to improve availability to residents. So many students have applied for internships that the department is unable to accommodate them all. Donations are coming in to provide camperships for youngsters this summer. The food pantry is overflowing and the food will be shared with local groups.

Regarding the budget recommendations we made, most items were kept at the level we suggested but several have been increased by the Council.

Mr. Simaneau was invited to speak under the item of public comment. He spoke about his concerns and was referred to another source for further assistance.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Terry, Secretary