

**Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Committee  
Hanover Township Senior Center  
Lower-Level Multi-Purpose Room  
September 9, 2024 – 1:00 PM**

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 1PM by Chairperson Peggy Bucaro.

Roll Call: Peggy Bucaro, Larry Bretz, Lynn Nelles, Clint Baker, Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Tom Lathara, Peggy Deyne

Aging Services Team: Megan Conway, Lisa Perrone

Public: Trustee Craig Essick, Senior Committee Liaison; Kristin Vana, Deputy Township Administrator; and James Kramer, Community Health Nurse

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro led the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Comments**

There were none.

Before our Reports we had two special presentations. One from Kristin Vana and one from James Kramer.

Kristin gave us an update of our suggestions a year ago where we gave suggestions on improvements for Runzel Reserve. First was improving the lighting in and around the pathway. Two weeks ago, pathway lighting was installed and “moon scape lighting” which is taller lighting, to cover the darker areas around the path.

The dry rock bed has solar lights. There is a new ground maintenance person that has great background in plantings and so our old plants will be pulled out in the fall and new plantings will be placed in the spring. And poor Pearl, our Swan, needs to be updated.

There are four sculptures in the reserve, we would like to see more and so encourage anyone familiar with a sculptor contact Kristin for more information.

The Tri-Village Garden Club is happy to maintain the floral areas.

There is State Funding to assist with pathways throughout the complete campus area and that is being pursued.

We are hoping to “Revamp” everything. If the outside is beautiful, it will get the seniors outside to enjoy the fresh air and make it peaceful for them.

We thanked Kristin for the update.

Our second presentation was from Department #2, Our Office of Community Health, James Kramer. He provided us with the department’s brochure and explained each service that is provided to our residents. Some are free, some have a minimal charge. But they try to accommodate all from birth to death.

Besides being at the Tiknis Campus, the Office is also at our Astor Avenue location on Wednesdays. We thanked James for his information on the valuable services that the Community Health Department offers.

**Reports**

**Chairperson’s Report**

Again, I am astounded at our numbers and how staff has stepped in to assist the issues in the café.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Monthly report ending July 2024

Beginning Fund Balance \$82,075 with an income of \$2,975 for July. Our expenses for July were \$383 resulting in an Ending Fund Balance of \$90,030.

To clarify: The beginning fund balance is \$82,075, YTD income was \$9,358, YTD expenses were \$1,403 giving us an ending balance of \$90,030. Naomi made a motion to approve seconded by Clint, motion approved.

## **Trustee Liaison's Report**

Craig Essick said he was glad to see us. The Board appreciates all we do. He reminded us about Just for the Health of It on 9/12 and then that evening a concert at Izaak Walton, the Food Truck Festival on 9/19 which will have five shuttles operating to get people to and from the township and the Casino Fund Raiser on 10/25.

## **Director's Report**

We have received many suggestions offered by Seniors for various programs. We are trying to encourage Spanish-speaking, ladies', and men's groups to join our township.

A "Women's Empowerment Group" is on the last Friday of each month; for the first one 50 women attended.

Nutrition staffing is ongoing and has some hurdles to overcome.

A bus driver has left and so we are looking to fill this position. A CDL license is required.

On October 1<sup>st</sup> the Catholic Charities Services will end and the township will be taking over that service. Diana Gomez is getting letters out to our Home Delivered Meals Customers advising them of the change. Age Options is updating the information to direct residents to the Township.

## **Unfinished Business.**

Sweet Basil offered Naomi \$50 for the Café Cruisin', after an informative discussion they settled on \$100, (an accurate account was not kept on Sweet Basils part). Good job Naomi!

We will have another Café Cruisin' at Pilot Pete's, two dates have been offered to them and when we have the day finalized all will be informed.

It's that time of year for our Apple Cider Donut Fundraiser. Naomi met with the contact at Mariano's in Hoffman Estates, and they are keeping the price as it was last year, \$3.99 for half a dozen. Mark your calendars for Pick-up Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 11AM -1PM. Senior meeting to follow distribution.

## **New Business**

Approval of September Minutes. Larry moved, Naomi seconded motion approved.

Consideration of Raffle Bond Waiver. It would cover any raffles we hold at the Food Truck Festival. Larry made a motion, Clint seconded motion approved.

Consideration of Potential Staff Recognition for October. None

Consideration of Donation to the Township Gala Fundraiser. \$1,000 for "Full House" Category. Naomi moved, Larry seconded, Lynn abstained all others voted in favor motion carried.

Consideration of gift cards for the Holiday Party Support. \$300 towards the Halloween Party on 10/29 and \$400 for the Winter Holiday Party on 12/5 at Villa Olivia. A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Clint all approved. There will be Gift Cards and two lunch tickets per guest will be provided.

**Other Business**

Holiday Breakfast for the Senior Committee and the Board will be at Briana's on 12/9 at 9AM.

Our next meeting will be October 14<sup>th</sup> in the Multi-Purpose Room. Our November meeting will be on the third Monday of November, 11/18, due to Veterans Day.

**Adjournment**

Peggy Deyne moved, Naomi seconded motion passed at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Peggy Deyne