

HANOVER TOWNSHIP SENIOR COMMITTEE
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 11th, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Chair Naomi Walters-Lenoci at 1:01 p.m.

Roll Call: Larry Bretz, Lynn Nelles, Peggy Bucaro, Tom Lathara, and Naomi Walters-Lenoci. Also present were Allison Stamp, Devora Murillo, Florie Sposito, Marilyn Perri, Jane Aman, Dino Kazios, Carol Scarpelli, and Melinda Buehring.

Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Lenoci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: Carol Scarpelli offered commentary regarding the registration process. She prefers the way Schaumburg and Willowbrook Townships complete registration and waitlist which involves computer sign up. Florie Sposito was invited to speak on our registration process by Chair Lenoci. It was explained that the current system was chosen to be equitable to all residents wishing to participate and then non-residents, waitlist system discussed. Chair Lenoci shared that lottery system works well overall and is fair. Mr. Bretz offered that not all participants are comfortable with computer usage yet and would be able to enroll. Florie Sposito stated she would look into the other township's processes. Chair Lenoci thanked Ms. Scarpelli for the suggestion.

At this time we had Recognition of Staff for the Month of August.

Jane Aman was recognized for her hard work in the Nutrition Department and her dedication to learning the Manager role. Jane always has a "smile on" and is willing to put in the work for great results. The committee was complimentary of food being served and looks forward to the future ideas Jane will share.

Reports

Chairperson's Report: Ms. Lenoci discussed that a quilt will be donated by Peggy Bucaro for a raffle that will begin the night of the Food Truck Festival, 9/18 and a winner will be chosen during the Halloween Party on 10/27. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Koman Foundation.

The Senior Committee needs assistance covering the Food Truck Festival table on Thursday, 9/18 and Chair Lenoci asked for volunteers from the Committee.

The annual Apple Cider Donut sale was discussed. At this time Chair Lenoci has contacted three different grocery stores and has not been able to secure an order or pricing. This will need to be completed closer to the event.

Treasurer's Report: Due to a discrepancy in May's ending balance and June's beginning balance this approval was tabled until September 2025 meeting. Director Stamp to review with Accounting.

Trustee Liaison Report: Trustee Essick was absent from the meeting.

Director's Report: Director Stamp shared information regarding in-person dining, the trend is in the correct direction month over month. There was a recent group trip to Brookfield Zoo where significant weather caused an unexpected need to leave, the three staff members leading the trip did a great job. Liheap and Energy Assistance funding was discussed and how reimbursement from this program works, it is a per-application payment not a lump sum grant. HT creates is going well, all are invited to take a look if they have not already.

Unfinished Business: Cafe cruising at I Smell Bacon BBQ in Hoffman Estates was successful, \$115 was raised during the event. A destination for August has not yet been confirmed.

New Business: A motion was made by Mr. Bretz and seconded by Ms. Bucaro to approve the minutes of the July 14th, 2025 meeting, motion carried.

Transportation Manager Dino Kazeos spoke to the Senior Committee regarding the Transportation Division. Overall ridership numbers are trending up. One of the biggest uses for transportation is dialysis, the Division also assists with smaller day trips through the Enrichment Division. A new bus has been purchased and wrapped, it will be on the road in the near future and the bus it is replacing will be donated to YFS. Manager Kazeos will be providing training to YFS staff for the bus. Ms. Nelles mentioned that with colder weather approaching the Senior Committee would like to purchase Hanover Township jackets for the drivers, a request was made for Mr. Kazeos to obtain pricing.

Future staff recognition was discussed and approved.

Director Stamp informed the Senior Committee that Pearl will be removed from Runzel Reserve due to significant weathering. Enrichment Division Staff members Linda Kay and Mimi Krall are developing ideas for replacement that can include the talents of Senior Center patrons.

Director Stamp will begin shopping for Runzel Reserve statues. \$3,000 was allocated towards this in the FY 2026 budget.

Other Business: The Gift Shop will be holding a craft month during September which will feature hand-crafted goods at a discounted price and earrings at a discounted price. The Christmas in July sale was a huge hit and ten bins of Christmas items were cleared from offsite storage. Revenue from July totaled \$1,503.10.

There was one suggestion in the Suggestion Box regarding cell phone usage during programs. This will be followed up on with reminders to patrons at the beginning of programs to silence phones.

Ms. Sposito brought along one of the laptops purchased by the Senior Committee to show the dedication tag that has been created for each computer.

Director Stamp made an announcement that the new vending machine has arrived and is stocked. The second shelf cannot vend cans and must hold bottles, Volunteer Barb will be pricing this out.

Ms. Nelles brought up the idea of a raffle for future parties and trips and this was discussed.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Ms. Lenoci moved, Ms. Bucaro seconded all approved. Meeting adjourned at 2:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Stamp