

STOW SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Minutes of the Stow Senior Citizens Commission Meeting held Tuesday, May 17, 2022 in the Boards and Commissions Room at Stow City Hall.

Members Present: Robbie Robinson, Manorma Ramcharran, Roger Bollins, Mary Ellen Cunningham

Members Absent: Debbie Luchka, Audrey Kraynak, Tammy Denton

Others Present: John Pribonic, Mayor; Kathy Lewis, Recreation Supervisor; Sarah Filiberto, Library Liaison

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Lewis called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

SWEARING IN OF REAPPOINTED MEMBERS

Mayor Pribonic sworn in Mr. Bollins as a reappointed member to the Senior Citizen's Commission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Ramcharran moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Mr. Robinson. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nothing to report.

CARE AND SHARE PROJECT

Mr. Bollins asked have the bags been distributed yet. Ms. Lewis stated that we have not distributed any of the bags because we just received the supplies. The bags will contain tissues, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, anti-skid socks and hand lotion. One of the girl scout troops brought in five bags of miscellaneous items for us to distribute. We can duplicate those bags and distribute them to a smaller facility. This is something that maybe you can discuss in one of your sub-committee meetings. The facilities requested that we put the supplies together in individual bags for each resident.

At our last meeting, we had discussed the group of high school students that comes in on Tuesdays to help assemble the bags. There are also a few other groups that can help throughout the summer like some adult disability programs. Mr. Bollins asked if we had enough to distribute. Ms. Lewis stated that we have between 500-600 of each item, which was purchased

with the donation money and the City of Stow gave us a grant for some items. We just need to set up a date that works for everyone to assemble. Ms. Lewis stated that she would purchase plastic bags and stickers that said Senior Commission, with handles so that the staff will be able to put the bags on each resident's door.

CARD/PICTURES PROJECT REPORT

Ms. Ramcharran stated that we finished distributing around 800 cards and pictures to all of the nursing homes and assisted living facilities. We had many pictures from children who attend our schools. It was suggested that more adult written cards would be appreciated also. Ms. Lewis stated that we have some cards at the senior center for people to fill out and we received a donation of more cards that I can get to you to fill out and distribute. Ms. Filiberto stated that we could also set them out at the library for people to grab and fill out.

PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES REPORT

SKIP Playground construction is underway and we are waiting on an official delivery date for the equipment. We have a date but with supply chain issues, it will probably be moved out. We will be having five different genre concerts on the green from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm, which is going to be near the SKIP Playground area. The first one is Memorial Day weekend on May 28 and then June 16, 29, July 27 and August 10.

The Team Up 2 Clean Up program is on Saturday, May 21. We just finished our Connect with Nature Hike with the library. The Fishing Derby was just held on May 7, our Superhero Training was on April 23 and we had our Easter Egg Hunt on April 9. We have had a lot going on already this spring.

Our biggest thing that we are getting ready for is our Celebrate Stow Week. We will have another Team Up 2 Clean Up on June 25, a Fun In Stow Play Day, the Patriotic Pedal at the Stow Munroe Falls High School Stadium on June 26, a story time nature hike on June 27, a Concert on the Green on June 29, a Paint N Pour at Heritage Barn on July 1, a partnership with the Farmer's Market on July 2, Art for All Ages, the Firecracker Run and our traditional 4th of July Parade.

Regarding the Senior Center, we just came back from Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery last week. Currently, they are attending a trip to the Grounds and Gardens Tour at Kingswood Center Gardens in Mansfield. We will be attending a Rubber Ducks game and a Wagon Trails Animal Safari Park on June 6. We will also be attending Cinderella at the Ohio Light Opera in Mansfield. We have season tickets for the Porthouse Theater to attend in June, July and August and we will see the Cleveland Orchestra at Blossom.

LIBRARY REPORT

Ms. Filiberto reported that we are collaborating May-July with the City for our Connect with Nature hikes. We have the Wild Art night in June and the All Ages Art Program. There is an adult program in addition to many crafts for the kids. We are having an alcohol ink craft that you can come, build, and then take home with you. We are having Tyrannosaurus Flex Fitness

come to do a cardio drumming program for adults and kids and our Summer Reading program starts June 1. We promote this program heavily for kids but adults can participate also.

I do many visits to the assisted living and nursing homes in the area. Right now it is limited to bag drops so I do a lot of personal recommendations if people in the center want something in particular I grab that for them and if they just say bring me an assortment of books, I do that also. I visit Mulberry Gardens and Memory Care for Alter Care.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Lewis asked at one time we had discussed a type of vending machine for books at the Senior Center. Ms. Filiberto stated she was not sure where the library was in that process. It is probably going to have to come from our foundation or from a grant. They were looking at the Senior Center or the Akron Wellness Center based on foot traffic. That is still a plan but I am not sure as to when it will happen.

The vending machine would look like a snack vending machine and you would scan your library card and pick what book you want. You could also set the vending machine location as your location to pick up books.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Robinson reported that the Stow Sunshiners has luncheons that you are all welcome to come to but you need to contact Diane Dias to make a reservation. The first Monday in June we will have a southern gospel singer, in July, we will be having a barbershop quartet and in August, we will be having Grandma's Attic and Grandpa's Garage by the Summit County Historical Society.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Ms. Cunningham asked that we make sure 4:00 is a good time for all to have our meetings. Ms. Denton works in Orrville and it is hard for her to attend. Ms. Lewis stated that she would contact Ms. Denton to see what time works best for her and see if that works for the whole group.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Ramcharran and seconded by Mr. Bollins at 4:35 p.m. All were in favor.

Deborah Luchka, Chairperson
Stow Senior Commission

Deanna Mihalus, Secretary
Parks and Recreation Department