

**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX  
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
2:00 PM TUESDAY, January 17, 2023  
SUSSEX CIVIC CENTER – COMMITTEE ROOM 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
N64W23760 MAIN STREET  
MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jennifer Waltz at 2:02 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Members Present: Chairperson Jennifer Waltz, Roger Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Claire Moe, Lesley Strong-Belcher, Trustee Greg Zoellick

Members Excused: John White

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Halie Dobbeck, Adults Over 50 Coordinator, Lydia Vanderpoel, and Village Administrator, Jeremy Smith

**2. Consideration and possible action on the minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting.**

Motion by Zoellick, Seconded by S. Johnson to approve of the May 17, 2022, meeting minutes.  
Motion carried 6-0.

**3. Comments from Citizens Present**

No citizens were present that wished to be heard.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action on Committee Name Change**

Vanderpoel proposed the possibility of eliminating the word senior from the name of the Senior Advisory Committee. Vanderpoel shared many older adults do not identify themselves as seniors so therefore avoid any event/activity if it is described as "Senior."

R. Johnson expressed his fear about taking away Senior would then omit the older population and only focus on the age group from 50-75.

Moe suggested the Senior population should be divided into two different groups.

Strong-Belcher suggested a new name like "Actively Aging" or something that covers all adults 50 and over.

Smith pointed out that just because there is a name change, we aren't changing the purpose of the committee which is to advise older adults how to get involved.

Waltz suggested everyone come up with ideas for a new name change and bring them to the next meeting.

**5. Discussion on May Event**

Vanderpoel suggested that the Rock-A-Thon event be renamed to Concert on the Plaza. The event will remain the same with live music and a cook out. But eliminating the rocking chairs as many older people indicated they did not like the idea of connecting seniors to rocking chairs.

R. & S. Johnson indicated they really enjoy the rocking chairs and feel it is important to have the chairs remain. R. Johnson also suggested a bags tournament.

After a lively discussion it was decided that the rocking chairs will stay but the name of the event will change.

**6. Update on Past and Upcoming Events**

Vanderpoel went over several successful events from September – December of 2022 and upcoming events for Adults Over 50.

**7. Update on 2023 Meeting Dates**

The next meeting dates are as follows: March 21, September 19, and November 21. As of now the time will remain the same 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**8. Park & Recreation Director's Report**

Dobbeck shared that the first Senior Resident Scholarship was awarded, and that the recipient heard about it from the front desk.

Dobbeck also let everyone know about a new event called "Love Your Village Weekend." This event will encourage people to visit local Sussex businesses many of these businesses will be offering specials and deals. The Village is partnering with the Chamber on this event and the information will be available on the village the website.

The Melinda Weaver Park will be redone featuring new pickleball courts, tennis, basketball, and portable restroom.

The winter and summer farmers market will be coming to and end due to low enrollment.

**9. Village Administrator/Village President Report**

Smith shared the roads program will be starting in March and taking place in the Prides neighborhood.

There will also be a new park in the Vista Run neighborhood the design will be a little different that there will not be a large play structure.

The former Shop Ko will be a sports complex that will offer indoor training.

**10. Topics for Future Agenda Items**

Proposal of funds for upcoming events.  
Ideas for new name for Senior Advisory Committee

**11. Adjournment**

Motion by R. Johnson, Seconded by Zoellick to adjourn at 3:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lydia Vanderpoel  
Adults Over 50 Coordinator