

**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
2:00 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
SUSSEX CIVIC CENTER – COMMITTEE ROOM 2ND FLOOR
N64W23760 MAIN STREET
MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order by Greg Zoellick at 2:00 p.m.

Trustee Greg Zoellick is facilitating the meeting in the absence of Chairperson Jennifer Waltz

1. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Chairperson Jennifer Waltz, 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 January 17, 2023, meeting.

Motion by R. Johnson, Seconded by S. Johnson to approve of the January 17, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Comments from Citizens Present

No citizens were present that wished to be heard.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Committee Name Change

Dobbeck reopened discussion about the Committee Name Change as it was tabled at the January meeting. The committee had vibrant discussion about the importance of this committee and what its purpose is today. Strong-Belcher proposed that the committee represent the growing older adults with the name "Actively Aging Committee". Vanderpoel stated another name could be "Advisory Committee on Aging".

Motion by Zoellick, seconded by Strong-Belcher to rename the committee to the "Actively Aging Committee". Motion carried 5-0.

5. Reoccurring Fund Commitments

Vanderpoel presented the list of current funds that have been allocated on a reoccurring basis to many Adults Over 50 events. Dobbeck shared that the current balance of the account is \$32,519.42. Mr. Smith clarified that senior programming is largely funded from general fund dollars and those funds if in surplus at the end of the year remain in the General Fund. The Senior Trust Fund dollars are used to supplement or enhance the base programming. The committee expressed interest in continuing to offer coupons for the Concert on the Plaza lunch to allow those over the age of 60 to receive a lunch at a rate similar to the 60+ ADRC Dining program cost.

6. Update on Past and Upcoming Events

Vanderpoel went over several successful events from January-March 2023 and upcoming events for Adults Over 50.

7. Park & Recreation Director's Report

Dobbeck shared the following:

- Egg Drop is Saturday April 1. We are full with 450 kids enrolled over 6 time slots. Added glitter tattoos this year in addition to the petting zoo, bunny pictures, and cookie decorating kits.
- Adults Over 50 Beer Tasting is Wednesday April 26. Still have some spots available for those interested in attending! Partnering with Brewfinity Brewing.
- Arbor Day 5k is Saturday April 29. We are in need of course attendants to volunteer for this event. Please consider helping us ensure that the race runs smoothly.
- Our Parks team have removed over 59 dead trees, predominantly ash trees, and trimmed 320 trees throughout our parks system this winter. Absolutely phenomenal work by them!
- Ball Field Rentals: 2022 total rentals were 780, for 2023 we were able to honor 922 requests out of 1,373 potential field requests. This increase in field demand is causing us to look at how we will manage our weekend operations due to the sheer volume of field rentals and the time it takes to prep each field.
- Working on hiring summer seasonal staff for parks and day camp. Please share our social media hiring posts and talk with neighbors and friends about joining the team! Need to have a valid drivers license for Parks and be 18 years old for day camp.
- Splash Pad Shade structures are being installed this week. Once the footers are in, we will install a 10' concrete patio beneath the shade in-house.
- Village Board approved Park Board's recommendation for the Melinda Weaver Bid with the vinyl fencing. We are targeting a mid-June start for the Melinda Weaver Park renovation, but no dates have been solidified.

8. Village Administrator/Village President Report

Smith shared the Prides roads program started this week and will go on throughout the summer. Smith also shared that residential development is going well for 2023 with decent industrial development but very low commercial development.

9. Topics for Future Agenda Items

R. Johnson suggested we discuss involvement in the 2024 100-year anniversary of The Village of Sussex.

Our next meeting is September 19, 2023.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Strong-Belcher, Seconded by R. Johnson to adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Halie Dobbeck
Parks and Recreation Director