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**VILLAGE OF SUSSEX  
ACTIVELY AGING COMMITTEE  
4:00 PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024  
SUSSEX CIVIC CENTER – COMMITTEE ROOM 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
N64W23760 MAIN STREET  
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Waltz at 4:00 p.m.

**1. Roll Call**

Members Present: Chairperson Jennifer Waltz, Roger Johnson, Shirley Johnson, Steve Kasprisin  
Trustee Greg Zoellick

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

**2. Consideration and possible action on the minutes from the January 16, 2024, meeting.**

Motion by R. Johnson, Seconded by G. Zoellick to approve of the January 16, 2024, meeting  
minutes.

Motion carried 5-0.

**3. Comments from Citizens Present**

No citizens were present that wished to be heard.

**4. Introduction of Steve Kasprisin**

Mr. Kasprisin introduced himself and gave us his background on volunteering with the food  
service program.

**5. Update on Past Events**

Vanderpoel shared all the exciting events that took place over the summer for Adults Over 50.

**6. Upcoming Events and Ideas**

Vanderpoel shared there will be a gallery night taking place on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to kick of the  
“Celebration of Artists” event. For the past month the Library and Park and Rec  
departments have been working closely to put this event together. The library received a  
grant for two artist led workshops and the artwork from those classes will also be displayed  
in the show. Several local “Adults Over 50” artists have submitted beautiful pieces of  
artwork to be displayed in the Civic Center lobby. Vanderpoel encouraged the board  
members to attend.

More upcoming events include a wine tasting, crafting classes, PuzzlePalooza, Veterans  
Day and the Senior Holiday Dinner Party.

**7. Pauline Haass Public Library Report**

Bahnaman shared several upcoming events taking place at the library that include the Holiday Book Sale, Gingerbread House Decorating, The Warrior Ink Traveling Exhibit, and the Memory Café.

**8. Park and Recreation Director Report**

Dobbeck updated the board on all the amazing things the Park/Red department has been doing. The dance and football programs continue to flourish drawing in large numbers. Grogan Park was updated and hosted the last Pints in the Park for the summer. The playground in Vista Run is unique and will be built with natural wood. Spooky Sussex has already sold 1,117 tickets. Touch a Truck was another huge success with over 40 trucks. Dobbeck mentioned gathering community members for a pool study for the Village of Sussex. So far there have been 30 applicants.

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

Smith told the board about new Senior Housing that will be built behind Kohls with 100 units. There is currently not much commercial development taking place. The next phase of Vista Run construction will be taking place. The estimate for the population of Sussex by the end of 2025 will be 17,000

**10. Topics for Future Agenda Items**

Vanderpoel asked the Board to think of any new ideas for upcoming events in the future.

**11. Adjournment**

Motion by Waltz, Seconded by R. Johnson to adjourn at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lydia Vanderpoel  
Adults Over 50 Coordinator