

Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens

A regular meeting of the Advisory Committee for Senior Citizens was held on Thursday, March 6 2008 at the Troy Community Center. Vice-Chair Pauline Noce called the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.

Present: Jo Rhoads, Member
Frank Shier, Member
Betty Coven, Member
Pauline Noce, Member
James Berar, Member
David Ogg, Member
Merrill Dixon, Member
Carla Vaughan, Staff

Absent: Bud Black, excused; JoAnn Thompson

Visitors: Paula Fleming, Jeff Biegler

Approval of Minutes

Resolution # SC-2008-3-001
Moved by Jo Rhoads
Seconded by Frank Shier

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of Jan. 3, 2008 be approved as submitted. The February meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Yes: 7
No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Visitor Comments

Paula Fleming discussed the new school district Gold Card and gave cards to all committee members. She announced the play at Troy High School this weekend and other school district news.

OLD BUSINESS

Lunch Visits: No report

Medicare Part D: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Enhanced Garden: Parks Superintendent Jeff Biegler discussed the development of the enhanced garden on the four acres just north of the Community Center. There will be a walking path, a shelter, and rest rooms.

Appointment to the Park Board:

Resolution # SC-2008-3-002

Moved by Betty Coven

Seconded by James Berar

RESOLVED, That Pauline Noce be recommended for reappointment to the Park Board

Yes: 7

No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Suggestion Box: There were three suggestions from one man about 1. Transportation, 2. Volunteering in exchange for service, and 3. Creating a forum to consider new ideas. Carla handed out copies of the suggestions and said she had met with the man to discuss them and invited him to the meeting today to explain. The Committee suggested that perhaps SHARP clients could be asked to volunteer in return for the service they receive. Carla will bring it up at the next SHARP meeting.

Projects for 2008: The Committee will participate in the Expo. Carla will make brochures. Mr. Berar would like to pursue the park bench at Sanctuary Lake and asked about the possibility of offering a five pin bowling league.

REPORTS

Park Board: No report.

Senior Program: A Men's 50 Plus Softball League is forming. It will be offered in the evening so that baby boomers who are still working can participate. Troy has enough for a team, but the response has not been as good in other cities. There will be a free demonstration class of the New Zumba Gold Dance Exercise Program on March 28. Flyers have been mailed to last year's bocce and shuffleboard league participants and registrations are now being taken. SHARP Volunteers were recognized by City Council on February 18. Private computer consultations are now being offered by the SeniorNet volunteers.

Medi-Go: Jo Rhoads reported that they are very busy and are looking at ways to become more efficient.

OLHSA: Pauline reported that they had a speaker from Beaumont about senior services. Jo Rhoads said that the speaker provided good information and that we should have the program here. Carla will contact the speaker if Pauling or Jo can provide contact information.

Oakland County Senior Advisory Board: Jo Rhoads reported that attorneys spoke about legal issues such as power of attorney and estate planning.

Comments

Jo Rhoads shared information from the latest issue of Access, a publication of the Area Agency on Aging.

Betty Coven announced that there is a new session of Cross Train Your Brain coming up.

Frank Shier announced the upcoming pasta dinner fundraiser for Troy People Concerned.

Merrill Dixon commented that information from the county meetings should be passed on to the seniors via the newsletter.

James Berar discussed Bocce ball and its similarities to bowling.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Noce, Vice Chair

Carla Vaughan, Secretary