

Meeting of the Senior Citizens' Services Committee
Hanover Township Senior Center
Computer Lab
Monday, January 8, 2024
1:00 PM

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Peggy Bucaro, at 1:00 PM on January 8, 2024.

The roll call was conducted by Tom Lathara, Secretary.

Present: Walter Gramiak, Larry Bretz, Lynn Nelles, Tom Lathara, Peggy Bucaro, Peggy Deyne, Naomi Walters-Lenoci.

Present (Aging Services Team): Megan Conway, Lisa Perone, Marilyn Perri, Dino Kazeos

Public: Kristin Vana, Deputy Township Administrator.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro led the Pledge of Allegiance recitation.

Public Comments

Megan Conway introduced Deputy Township Administrator Kristin Vana and invited her to address the session. Ms. Vana is looking for input from the committee to provide a more enjoyable and enriching experience for the seniors in the township at Runzel Reserve. Committee members enthusiastically obliged. A few of the recommendations are listed below.

- Provide appropriate lighting for pathways around the park.
- Replace/Add aesthetically appealing sculptures/artifacts at the reserve.
- Revamp the butterfly park which is overgrown with weeds now.
- Provide appropriate exercise bars and stretching structures for light exercise.
- Fresh rocks needed at the water park, spruce up the swan,
- A mini library would be appreciated.
- New signage around sculptures and art works as to who donated them.
- Plexiglass storyboard around the park trails.
- Garden plots for seniors in the new location.

Reports

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro expressed appreciation at the variety and number of activities under way at the senior center. She welcomed the guests to the meeting. Walter Gramiak will preside over the February meeting in the absence of Peggy.

Treasurer's Report

Monthly report ending November 2023

Larry Bretz presented the monthly report ending November 2023.

Income - \$2,796.32 Expense - \$7,001.41

Net Income - \$4,205.09 Beginning Fund Balance - \$ 79,437

Ending Fund Balance - \$ 84,346

This accounts for 67 % of the fiscal year.

A motion was moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, by Naomi Walters-Lenoci, seconded by Lynn Nelles. A roll call was taken by the secretary. All members present voted 'Ayes.' Motion carried.

Trustee Liaison's Report

Trustee Liaison Craig was absent. Megan Conway announced the inauguration of the emergency service station at the newly acquired property on February 3. All Committee members are welcome. A tour of the facility is scheduled for a later date.

Director's Report

Megan Conway provided the director's report:

- The holiday programs were a huge success. The social service team did an excellent job in organizing and preparing for the program, providing a warm reception, delicious snacks, and entertainment to the guests. Adopt a senior program catered to 141 low-income older adults in the community.
- The activity room is being spruced up and will be out of commission for a couple of weeks.
- A volunteer info session is planned for January 24. Interested people can learn of the various opportunities available within the departments of Ageing services.
- AARP income tax return assistance and social service software program implementation is in the offing. For AARP tax Aide program clients can call to schedule an appointment on January 22. A phone line is planned to answer in rollover mode till it gets a service person.
- Blue Heron donated 30-40 meal boxes to be distributed to the needy on Thanksgiving.
- The Christmas party was a huge success. 125 guests attended the party at Villa Olivia.
- The new Emergency Services station received the certificate of occupancy and is being staffed by Emergency service volunteers.

Unfinished Business

Upcoming Fundraiser events

- My Cocina January 11
- One Twenty Live March 21

New Business

Minutes

Chairperson Peggy Bucaro presented the last meeting minutes for discussion and approval. A motion was made to approve the November 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes by Larry Bretz, seconded by Walter Gramiak. A roll call was taken by the secretary. All members present voted 'Ayes.' Motion carried.

Other Business

Paczki Day Fundraiser

Paczki day fundraiser treats order must be received by 4:30 PM on Thursday, February 1, and will be available for pick up in the senior center lobby on Monday, February 12 between 11 AM and 1:00 PM

There was no other business on the agenda to transact at this time. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Larry Bretz and seconded by Lynn Nelles. A roll call was taken by the secretary. All members present voted 'Ayes.' Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned by 2:15 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas Lathara,
Secretary