

OAK PARK TOWNSHIP SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The quarterly meeting of the Senior Services Committee of Oak Park and River Forest Townships was held on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 and called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present Oak Park Committee: Patricia Koko; Mary Marling; Donald Kane; Clarmarie Keenan, Trustee Liaison

Absent Oak Park Committee: Dr. Kenneth Blair; Betsy Burton Kelly; James Taglia; Marie Louise Settem

Present River Forest Committee: Linda Ryan; James Flanagan; Peggi Mizen; Dr. Katherine Walsh; Veronica Krawczyk, River Forest Township Supervisor

Absent River Forest: Mary Therese Small; Georg Ann Zussman

Also Present: David Boulanger, Supervisor of Oak Park Township; Desiree Scully, Director for Senior Services of Oak Park & River Forest Townships; Pamela Mahn, Administrative Associate for Senior Services of Oak Park & River Forest Townships.

SPECIAL REPORT

Oak Park Township Supervisor David Boulanger attended the meeting to report on the recent public hearing and acquisition of the property at 126-134 S. Oak Park Avenue. He welcomed the committee to offer suggestions or ideas they may have regarding the new space. He stated that the intention for the space is to accommodate existing programs with the potential to expand activities in a more accessible work space.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the November 17, 2010 meeting. Peggi Mizen moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Katherine Walsh seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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RFT LIAISON'S REPORT

Supervisor Krawczyk reported the following:

- The budget was presented to the Town Board in April, there will be further discussion by the Board in May, and final approval of the budget will happen at the June meeting. The budget will remain flat when compared to last fiscal year.
- Mental Health has moved to fee for service from the grant structure used in prior years.
- The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

OPT LIAISON'S REPORT

Trustee Keenan reported the following:

- The Town Board is in the process of hearing budget presentations.
- The Township is moving forward with plans for build out of the new building.
- Thank you to the senior committee members for their support and attendance at the public meeting.
- The senior committee members are encouraged to share information about the new site with the community

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Director's report and Program Area Reports were included in the committee packets mailed to members. The committee discussed the reports and Director Scully reported the following additional information:

- The 2012-2014 Request for Proposals for the IIC Nutrition Programs have been completed.
- Luo's Peking House is applying for participation in the Dine Out Program.
- The Senior Services budget was presented to the Town Board on Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES

Celebrating Seniors Sub-Committee

Chairperson Flanagan distributed a sample of the calendar of events for Celebrating Seniors week as well as a Table of Contents for the resource guide.

- There will be a Things Around Town section in the guide listing special offerings and discounts for seniors.
- Approximately 150-200 local businesses have committed to displaying posters.
- Some businesses have committed to having discounts for patrons wearing their Celebrating Seniors ribbon.
- Negotiations are underway with Blue Cab regarding some form of transportation being provided for events that week.
- The Lions Club has offered their assistance.
- The deadline for advertising is one week from Thursday. There are currently 10-20 pages of advertising.
- Currently there are 4 benefactors, 2 patrons, and 5 supporting members with more coming in.

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- There is currently discussion regarding options for a named speaker at the closing event which will be a ticketed wine and cheese event held at Holley Court.
- There will be an art camp for seniors with 12 events held at discounted rates.
- The target population for this event is the community at large with the goal being to raise appreciation of seniors as assets to our community.

OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are two Oak Park Senior Committee positions up for renewal. Applications are being taken through April 6, 2011. Interviews for these position openings will be held April 13th, 14th, 18th and 20th. Volunteers from the committee are welcomed to participate in the interview process.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Senior Committee will held on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at 7:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Ryan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Chairperson Flanagan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.