

## Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 19, 2023 1:30 PM

### Senior Center Conference Room

- I. Call to Order: in the absence of Dennis Myer chairperson, Jan Miller was appointed by the Members to be the chairperson.
- II. Roll Call: Jackie Shebesta, Faye Price, Guilford Standridge, Norrine Janzen, Jan Miller, Mary Fiegel. Dennis Meyers was excused from the meeting. Also joining the group to observe today, Donna Cox the Village of Germantown Clerk.
- III. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the July 20,2023 meeting were approved. A motion of approval was made by Faye and seconded by Norrine. Motion carried.
- IV. Citizen Input: Donna introduced herself to the group and explained what her job title includes.
- V. Old Business:
  - A. Anniversary Celebration Dinner Discussion. Mary gave details of the Anniversary Dinner to be held on November 2, 2023. There are 113 people coming to this event. It is a sit down, completely served dinner. The afternoon will start off with a power point presentation of the history of the Senior Center. This was put together by Mary Fiegel and Brenton Shimp. Speakers for the program are Mark Schroeder, Dennis Myers, Steve Kreklow, Jan Miller, Guilford Standridge and Mary Fiegel. Greeting and check in will be done by Faye Price, Jackie Shebesta and Norrine Janzen. This is a five course dinner. Each person in attendance will receive a gift commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- VI. New Business:
  - A. Senior Coordinator Report
    1. The Strength and Balance Classes continue to grow per word of mouth. It originally started out as one class limited to 25. Now we have two classes and almost 30 in each class.
    2. All trips that are offered for the rest of this year, 2023 are completely full.
    3. 2024 we will add more health-related seminars at the Center.
    4. Senior Club Report presented by Jackie Shebesta  
The Senior Club currently has 98 Members. The Club made a donation of \$125.00 to sponsor a Recreation Dept Little Gridders flag football team. The Club Picnic was held on August 30. An enjoyable time was had by 37 members and guests. The Club has decided to hold only two events per year moving forward: the Picnic and The Christmas Party. We have 3 Members who have volunteered to run for the offices of Vice President, Treasurer, and Membership Chairman. Elections will be held in November.
  - B. 2023 Budget Update- Guilford Standridge  
Gil reported that we are currently under the budget that the Senior Center has. Faye asked if the budget cuts that have been posted will affect the Senior

Center. Gil responded that those cuts will not and the budget will remain the same for the Senior Center for next year. However, the Center will be expected to raise more income from programs. Gill also reported that with the new Munis System in accounting it will be easier to report income and payments. The mention of the Munis program started a long discussion about it from Donna and Jan. Mary also mentioned that the Grant From Washington County ADRC will be the same as last year. Jan asked if we could get more and Mary explained that it is a set total that is shared by all the Senior Centers in Washington County.

VII.

Directors Report  
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1. Explorer Dome for Kinderberg Park

I spoke to John Hill, representative of Kompan playground equipment has presented us with a great opportunity that I hope this Commission will support.

Kompan, the company Mr. Hill works for has four Explorer Domes left in stock and they are having a closing out sale to end the year.

These domes are top of the line play equipment for children from one year old up to adults can play on them. This piece of equipment normally goes for \$85,170 and with freight and installation the cost goes up to \$112,874. However, John can sell this piece of equipment, including freight for \$43,061.90. I checked with the Village Attorney and since I am only looking to purchase the equipment without installation, then it does not have to go out on bid.

I took some of my staff to Cedarburg park where they have a similar size dome, but a step down from this one being offered. Please see enclosed pictures of a staff member climbing on the equipment. These domes are extremely popular throughout the country, and the price is very reasonable. Staff at Cedarburg report that during the playground season (warmer months) this is their most popular and used piece of equipment. They have had it around three years now and no maintenance issues.

If purchased then I would have DPW store over the winter and have installed in the Spring.

2. Issues we are having with the Kinderberg Splashpad and pump house:

PVC Pipe has been exposed to UV for a length of time and most is starting to become brittle and all PVC pipe should be changed out.

The Sand filter system is over 20 years old and does not effectively filter the water properly. DPW switch to a filter of what is called Media which was suppose to be better than sand. This media still sets off the NO Flow alarm and chemicals aren't getting to the water. This causes daily back washing. Backwashing in normal conditions should only be done every 7-10 days. An alternative to purchasing a new system would be to remove all the Media and inspect and replace the laterals for any breakage that can cause uneven filter loading or channeling that can affect filtration results. This would have to be contracted out and cost close to replacing with new system.

Recommendation by WTI would be adding UV would be beneficial and reduce choramine levels. Now days UV is required in some states for a spray pad- a UV system could be retrofitted, or a corrosion proof surge tank fan to evacuate the bad air to the outdoors could be installed.

A new Controller system is needed. This is a computerize system that adds chemicals to the water as needed and does internal reading of the water to balance the chemicals. The old controller does not function properly and most chemicals added are done and tested manually. This current controller does not keep the proper Ph levels. It will cause the water to shoot up 4 or 5% which can be a danger.

A need for new submersible pumps. When DPW starts up the pumps they have to prime it, cause the pumps don't prime themselves as they should. And it is labor intensive to prime the pumps. Using a timer on the pumps can burn the pumps up themselves. The main feature pump that controls the geisures, and the blue round feature and arch misting feature is close to needing replaced. These pumps tend to go out every five years. The small feature pump, the valves that turn on and off don't work and have to manually turn them on.

Most of the Spray features are over 20 years old and at times tend to clog up, and one of the spray features does not work at all. So all the spray features need to be changed out.

The spray ground has a painted concrete surface. The concrete exhibits cracks and the finish is starting to deteriorate. DPW put in a request for funding to repaint the surface and repair cracks.

As part of the 2020 Parks Department maintenance budget, \$15,000.00 was set aside to resurface the deck of the splash-pad due to paint failure. The failure has had both a negative aesthetic impact and enters the filtration system and holding tank causing potential issues with the chemical feed. At the time in 2020, the village was also contemplating a needs study for the park in the area around the splash-pad, due to this, the project was put on hold. DPW has asked to carry these funds over each year as part of the budget and/or other carry-over conversations. This fall, DPW wanted to complete the deck surface project since the information we had at the time was that the splash pad was remaining at Kinderberg as it is now. When we verified with Matt that the funding was still available for this project, we were told that due to the budget deficit in 2022, there were no funds to be carried over into 2023. We requested funds again in our 2024 budget requests. Unfortunately, this project was one of the many things that was cut out of the 2024 budget. We will revisit this project again next year when we are preparing our 2025 budget requests.

An alternative to the Spray features would be to put in a flow thru system where you are using city water, and chemicals are not necessary. (these are sprayers like geysers that just sprays out water where they are flush to the ground, but no above ground pipes)

To do this the state only allows 50,000 gallons of water a day to be used so the spray pad usage would have to be cut down say from 10 am till 6pm.

Cost to tear down, upgrades or new Splashpad

Demo the existing splashpad which will take out the current splashpad is around \$50,000

Pipe replacement, piping modifications, UV improvements and refinish the concrete pad which repairs cracks and paints the surface is anywhere between \$150,000 to \$400,000

Select demo for piper replacement, piping modifications, UV improvements, new activity base and play activities, and finish/paint to concrete surface would be \$300,000- \$500,000

Construct a new splashpad whether at kinderberg or another park \$one million to one million 500,000

3. Currently our Music at the Pavilion program ends at 9pm. The back up band plays for 45 minutes and the main band for two hours. We have had several requests to have bands play for three hours from 7pm until 10pm. Also this provides our department an opportunity to sell more concessions guestimating that the extra hour for six concerts could bring us approximately \$4000-\$5000 more in revenue.  
Staff and I are willing to go door to door on Park Road, Friedstadt road, and Pilgrim road to poll residents to see if they would have objections to the bands playing an extra hours. The Washington county ordinance does state that outdoor bands can play until 10 pm.
4. A boy scout did his Eagle Scout Project at Schoen Laufen Park in which he built a fire pit, added benches and a special fire pit area to an already enclosed area that at one time was a fire pit.

VIII. Adjournment:

The next Advisory Committee Meeting will be January 18, 2024 at 1:30 pm