

Senior Advisory Board Minutes

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Germantown Senior Center 1:30 pm

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dennis Meyers at 1:30 pm.
- II. Roll Call: Dennis Meyers, Jan Miller, Gil Standridge, Mary Fiegel, Faye Price, Norine Janzen, Jackie Shebesta
- III. Approval of Minutes: Jackie Shebesta had a correction for the Minutes of the January meeting minutes. The correction was in the report from Mary for 2022 totals at the Senior Center. It was written that there were 129 people involved in Club 5th Wednesday events in 2022. The number was 200. Motion made to accept the change in minutes.
- IV. There was no one present for any Public Input, nor from anyone at the meeting.
- V. Old Business:
 - Van usage report- Mary reported that at the beginning of the year 3 of the 6 drivers were out for medical treatments. They are all back again as of this date.
 - Bunny Trail Bonanza – Mary gave the historical background of this event and how it used to be the lunch with the Easter Bunny when it started. The Club was always in charge of this event. Last year the Club decided not to sponsor this event for 2023. Due to the late decision, the Senior Center staff and volunteers took over the event. Mary reported that due to the cost of hosting this event, the Senior Center Budget could not sponsor the event any longer. Also, the Senior Center Budget is for Seniors and this is truly not an intergenerational event. Lost revenue was over \$300.00. Jan asked for exact amounts and Mary gave this report. Jan made a motion that the Senior Center discontinue offering this function in the future and that it should be referred to Community Groups that sponsorship of this event could be possible. The motion was seconded by Norine. Discussion. Unanimous vote to discontinue this event.
 - Budget Report by Gil. Gil reported that expenditures are within the allocated funds at the Senior Center for the first three months of 2023. There was not a report of income that has been generated thus far this year.
- VI. New Business:
 - **Senior Coordinator Report**
 1. Two classes that are new to the Center this year are drawing large numbers of participants. Our Strength and Balance class starts its third session of eight weeks in May. This has been very popular with a full roster for each session. (Maximum of 30)
 2. Our line dancing classes started April 3 and the class is completely full with a waiting list. Sessions will continue through the year. These classes are set up as 101 and 102 progressively. We have a waiting list for this as well.

3. We have two new art instructors that will be doing specialized classes each month. Watercolor in May and Jewelry making in June.
 4. Almost all our trips are sold out. The only trip that is not filling is Comedy Sportz, no one has signed up yet, and we had to cancel the escape room trip as we did not have enough people.
 5. 2023 Marks the 50th Year of the Germantown Senior Center. Save the date...November 2, 2023, from 3 pm to 6:30 pm. Program at 3 pm with acknowledgements and a power point presentation of our history. Sit down Dinner at 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm and music from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Dinner catered by Alioto's. (Italian Themed event.) As the advisory board we would like the board to take active participation in this event and of course a brief presentation by The Park and Recreation Director and The Advisory board President would be appropriate.
 6. Rentals have been slower since the price increase. (discussion was held regarding this and Jan would like to investigate why groups are going elsewhere)
 7. Planning ahead for the End of Life series- ADRC/Sr Center Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23 Sept 6, 13, & 20
 8. Last year I introduced a Striders Walking Group, it has increased in participation, meet weekly on Monday's ...only Senior Center in Wisconsin with this program. Different destinations each week.
 9. Our attendance at the Center continues to increase, with a jump of 28% over last year's "sing ins: for activities. The average age of participants has decreased for Center Activities, average age 71, it had been 79. This is due to trips, active programs which the junior Seniors participate in. The Club average age is 82.
 10. Meal site program increase
 11. Word of our programs and trips continue to spread as we are seeing the amount of interest tours grow and participation increasing.
- Respectfully Submitted, Mary Fiegel BS.CDP.RT. Senior Center Coordinator

- **Senior Club Report**

1. The Club Currently has 90 members
2. The first 5th Wednesday Event was on March 29th. There were 39 in attendance. We had a soup/sandwich luncheon followed by playing Bingo after lunch. Unfortunately, a person came to the event ill and 6 people ended up getting the covid virus at the event, two of which were seriously ill and are still recuperating. This information was not know until one week after the event when one of the persons who was very ill called to let us know. At the last Club meeting Mary explained what happened and reminded people if they are ill to stay at home and not share their germs.
3. The next 5th Wednesday is May 31, 2023. The Club Picnic is scheduled for August 30th and the Club Christmas Party is November 29.
4. The Club Board has decided not to sponsor the Bucky Badger Find in the monthly newsletter. This decision was made in order to save money. The newsletter is snail mailed to Club Members but it can be picked at Village Hall, The Library, Gables, Fairway Knoll, Grace Commons, Prairie Meadows 1,2, and 3 and it is posted on the Village Park & Recreation website monthly.
5. The Club donated 2 bags of candy toward the Germantown Egg Hunt

And it donates to the Gridder's football program one time per year with partial sponsorship donation of \$50.00.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jackie Shebesta

VII. Director's Report: Gil Standridge

Arbor Day:

Germantown Park and Recreation Announces Tree Planting and Proclamation Event on Arbor Day, April 28th. In Celebration of Arbor day, the Village of Germantown's Park and Recreation department will hold a public proclamation and tree planting event at Spassland park on April 28th. Along with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Wendland Nursery, this event commemorates the parks of Germantown and the tradition of tree planting on Arbor Day.

Germantown Park and Recreation will hold this free and informative event for the public. Students at County Line elementary Kids Klub program will be on site to assist with the tree planting. Not only will students participate in the tree planting but also will learn from the Wendland Nursery staff.

Germantown Park and Recreation will partner with Wendland Nursery, a local Germantown nursery. Wendland Nursery will provide the tree for the event and prepare the area for planting. Elizabeth Wendland, Wendland Nursery Owner, will teach children from the kids Klub program the importance of planting trees and preserving our local parks and outdoor environments.

Starting at 4:00 pm Village Administrator, Steve Kreklow will reach the proclamation for the Village of Germantown. Additionally Olivia Witthun, Urban Forestry Coordinator for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will answer questions from the public and help oversee the proceedings.

Community Garden:

The 2023 Community Garden program has kicked off again this April. The Community Garden is comprised of twenty garden spots altogether. Eight (8) plots of 10' x 20' (all filled) and Twelve (12) 20' x 20' lots (all but one plot have been filled). The smaller lots are \$30 for the entire season, and the larger lots are \$60 for the whole season. Many of our Gardeners are returnees, though this year one gardener had to drop out because of upcoming knee surgery. So we were able to get some new Gardeners in the program.

The gardeners are responsible for their own plots and must maintain weed control and put up and take down their own fencing. DPW does provide mulch and trash barrels for the weeds pulled. The Gardeners are giving guidelines of what fertilizer and insecticide is acceptable to use. Most gardeners start planting their first set of vegetables in May and have a second set for fall season. Typically by end of October the gardeners are finished for the year.

Farmers Market:

The 2023 Germantown Farmers Market will be held in the Germantown Village Hall Parking lot each Saturday starting May 6th thru the last Saturday in October from 8am until 12 noon. The annual fee is \$50/vendor. The vendors are allowed to pick and choose the Saturdays they will to set up. Last year we

had 19 vendors and hope to increase those numbers this year. I have open up the market to allow for more crafts and other types of businesses in hopes of increasing traffic and making the market bigger. I am also in the process of finding food vendors to set up and sell food such as barbeque or hotdogs/brats etc. to the public. I also hope to provide some live music as well as music thru blue tooth on a weekly basis. Also another change is the State revenue office is requiring that Farmers Market Managers (my role) to make sure the vendors fill out tax forms and take attendance of the vendors.

Park Planning Workshop:

Washington County Parks has announced a series of public workshops designed to engage members of the community and solicit public input on possible future plans under development for Heritage Trails County Park in the Town of Polk. The purpose of these workshops is to share information about the project and process, and for Lannon Stone Products, Inc. and Washington County Parks to gather input from the public for incorporation into the project and a future park master plan. We've identified you as someone that may have interest in participating in these workshops to be held on Thursday, May 4th at Washington County Fair Park. The same content will be covered at each workshop. Trustee Jan Miller, Park Commissioner Don Eby and myself plan on attending this Thursday May 4th workshop. We will report back to the commission at the May meeting.

LWCF Compliance Review:

The Village of Germantown previously received federal Land and Water Conservation Fund grants to aid in the acquisition and development of public parks in the community. Every five years parks are required to be reviewed for compliance with the provisions of the LWCF program – namely that the park or recreation area for which funding was used is maintained for public outdoor recreation in perpetuity

Parks that previously received LWCF fund assistance and were up for review this year are:

1. Alt Bauer Park (55-01363C) – grant funded development of outdoor recreation facilities.
2. Haupt Strasse Park (55-01367) – grant funded acquisition of 12.7 acres for outdoor recreation. (Spaasland Park is also LWCF encumbered, grant 55-00494, but was not up for review this year.)

Chrissy Kozik reviewed the park policies online and visited Alt Bauer and Haupt Strasse parks on April 13th. The parks are generally in compliance with the exception of the following items.

1. A LWCF program sign was not observed at the parks. I will mail signs for each park to be posted.
2. The LWCF program does not allow for preferential reservation on the basis of residence. The park policies online indicated that residents may begin reserving facilities before non-residents. To achieve compliance, the policy will need to be amended for the LWCF encumbered parks with reservable facilities (Haupt Strasse and Spaasland). Note: that differences in fees are allowed as long as the fee charged to non-residents does not exceed twice that charged to residents. More information is in Chapter 8, Section D.2. of the Manual linked above.

For the park reservation policy, it needs to be updated so that residents and non-residents may begin reserving facilities at the same time. The Village policy in particular is I.A.3 in the document linked [here](#). Either an exception may be called out specifically for the LWCF parks, or the Village may choose to forgo the preference in general and simply have one date to begin reservations. The Village may decide how to update the reservation policy with the LWCF requirement in mind for the encumbered parks.

The [current fee structure](#) for rentals meets the LWCF program requirements. There's no need to update those. Chrissy wanted to mention this requirement so that it is in the back of your mind if there are future discussions to update fees.

The signs will be placed in the parks as soon as we receive them and the rule about the separate days for residents and non-residents can reserve parks will be changed to the same date.

Krissy recommend I skim over Chapter 8 of the [LWCF Manual](#) for the highlights. A few important things to note are:

- The sponsor needs to maintain absolute control over and oversight of the all facets of the protected LWCF property, including any leases executed for the operation or development of outdoor recreation facilities.
- The project map on file at the time of grant award designates the boundary of the encumbered property (also referred to as a 6f map). Sale of land within the property, or changes to non-outdoor recreation use (e.g. community center, cell towers/utility structures that serve beyond park needs, etc) would constitute a conversion and replacement land would need to be sought via a conversion process.
- Property must be maintained attractive and inviting, and open for public use at reasonable hours and times of the year according to the type of area or facility.
- All facilities under the LWCF program must be ADA compliant.
- Sponsor must maintain a LWCF sign in a prominent location at the area or facility.

Pickleball Open House:

Friday June 2nd from 6pm until 8pm Parks and Recreation will be hosting a fun social for area pickleball players at Haupt Strasse Park. Season veterans and new players alike will be hosted to attend this event. Food will be provided courtesy of Bub's and the social will provide the opportunity for new players to mix with the veterans. Exhibition matches will be held. Discussions will occur about donations and sponsorships to expand future pickleball courts. A company that manufactures pickleball paddles will be on hand to have players try out new paddles and possibly purchase. There will be music. Also discussion about starting a Pickleball league one or two nights a year to start out.

VIII. Announcements of Public Interest:

1. Norine announced that there is a bake sale this Saturday at the Menomonee Falls High School benefiting Community groups. She has baked a lot of items for this sale.
2. Jan announced that the library has a free ap for Universal Classes on their website. There are language classes and many other classes to choose from. They also have a link to events in Germantown on the website.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 2:45 pm.
Respectfully Submitted, Mary Fiegel