

**Senior Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, January 18, 2024 1:30 pm**

**Senior Center Multi-purpose room**

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Robert Warren, trustee; Senior Advisory Board Committee Chairperson at 1:30 pm.
- II. **Roll Call:** Jackie Shebesta, Faye Price, Guilford Standridge, Jan Miller, Mary Fiegel, Robert Warren and Norine Janzen will arrive late for this meeting.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the October 2024 meeting were approved. A motion of approval was made Jan miller and seconded by Jackie Shebesta. Motion carried.
- IV. **Citizen Input:** none
- V. **Old Business:** None
- VI. **New Business;**

**A. Germantown Senior Center Report 2023**

Van Rides Total Number – 1507, miles 6701, gas – 446.3

Trips offered: 18 Trips cancelled 0

Foot & Nail Clinic: 161 Clinics offered: 14

Rentals: 25 Cancelled 0

Approximate # of people 1605

Classes/Activities offered 752 Attendance 7417

Exercise Room Use 617

Blood Drives 2

Volunteer Hours 900.65

*Jan suggested to have a comparison report each from which would include the present report and the year before.*

*A handout of all activities was then handed out. Bob made the comment that he didn't know the Senior Center was such a busy place.*

**Other Rec Department Programs (Patti's Report)**

First Aid Training \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Training Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Scrapbook Class \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Dance It Out \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Dance Classes \_\_\_\_\_

Washington County Programs:

Congregate Dining 1106

Meals Delivered 6183  
Picked Up Meals 1895

Senior Club:

Meetings: 12 Attendance 354

Total Members: 96

5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Total Participation: 187

March 38 June 35 August 46 November 68

**B. Coordinators Report- Mary Fiegel**

1. Newsletter Mailed to Advisory Board Members
2. New Rec. Summer Brochure in the works now it will be published on line 4/10/24, all information that is in the brochure is in the Senior Center Monthly newsletter. The newsletter can be found online on the Village website.
3. March 21<sup>st</sup> Irish Celebration- Ian Gould entertaining
4. Library programs at the Senior center have been cut this year due to the Library's budget.
5. We are doing more of our own classes at the Center; Food preparation, Cricut and informational seminars.
6. Our new classes, trips and events are attracting the junior seniors. The trips fill up quickly.
7. Twenty-two trips are already planned for this summer and fall. 2024
8. We have had a few phone calls asking why we do not have the AARP TAX Service available at the Center. We do not offer AARP tax assistance at our center as our wi-fi could not handle their needs, we asked them to provide their own hot spot wi-fi and they would not (stated they have no funds). Hence, we have not done AARP tax prep here for 5 years now. It was also labor intensive for the Center staff.

**C. Club Report -Jackie Shebesta**

1. The Christmas party held on November 29, 2023 was attended by 71 members and guests. The highly successful event was catered by Bunzels; entertainment was provided by a Germantown High School Chorus
2. January started a new membership year. Currently the club has 50 renewals and new members. Officers elected in November assumed their duties in January.
3. In February Club Members will make a donation of non-perishable food items to the Germantown Food Pantry. The Club will make a monetary donation as well.
4. Many years ago, the Senior Club purchased the beverage and snack machines to be used at the Senior Center. The Senior Club filled them a bd profits went

to the Senior Club. When the snack machine broke it was decided not fix it as the snacks were not selling well prior to its breaking. Beverage machine was continued until the covid epidemic. Since that time the Senior Center Staff has taken care of the machine and profits have gone to the Senior Center as they were paying for repairs. Because the machine is nearing the end of its repairable life, the Club, as owners of the machines, give its' blessing to dispose of the machines when possible. Rather than replacing the beverage machine, the Club feels a filtered water station/bubbler would be a better solution. The current bubbler is softened water, is difficult to drink from due to low water pressure; was turned off during covid restrictions, and to help prevent infections has not been restarted. The Club does not have funds to purchase a water station.

*Jan made a motion for Gil to start the appropriate procedure to acquire a filtered water fountain. Norine seconded the motion. Gil will check out funding available.*

*Jan asked about the Food Pantry, yes, it is the one at St. Boniface.*

#### **VII. Director's Report**

- A. Senior Center budget report. *Reported a deficit for 2023. This will be rechecked and reported at the next meeting. The budget for 2024 is the same as 2023 but there were no budget cuts. Rentals have been down since the price increase. We need to promote more rentals.*
- B. *Gil explained that he includes information about the entire Parks & Rec Dept t this meeting so everyone is informed about Village happenings.*
- C. The following Items listed as capital improvements I wish to make to Germantown Parks. I will request ARPA funding from the Village Board to pay for these improvements. While I hope to receive funding for each of these projects, realistically I feel that I may only get funding for one or two of the listed projects.

I request that this commission prioritize these projects so if funding is limited I can target the highest priority based on the amount of ARPA funding the Board is willing to appropriate.

Alt Bauer Tennis Courts- Board already approved this at budget meeting

- a. Power wash courts, repair cracks, repaint courts and lines, take one tennis court and convert to two pickleball courts with lines with pickleball net post systems

Cost: \$67,000

Splash Pad Kinderberg Park- \$50,000

- a. To do maintenance and upgrades to keep the splashpad operational for two to three more seasons

Baseball Fields to include Friedstadt, Kinderberg and Haupt Strasse Total both fields- \$40,764

- a. Friedstadt- \$23,084
  - 1. replace back stop (current one deteriorated), first and third base fencing and adding shade to dugout area \$18,304
  - 2. Sod cut along the edge of the infield and topdress 40 CY of baseball infield mix - \$4,780

- b. Kinderberg- \$28,540
  - 1. replace the bottom 60' of 10' high wire mesh fence fabric with new #6 gauge heavy duty mesh \$3000
  - 2. Dugouts- furnish and install new chain link fence enclosures around 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout areas. Chain link fence \$5,900 + sunshade materials \$4,000.
  - 3. Sod Cut along the edge of the infield and topdress 40 CY of baseball infield mix- \$4,780
- c. Haupt Strasse- \$10,860
  - 1. Repair the outfield fence. Pull and replace 23 line posts and 1 terminal posts. Reassemble top rail and wire mesh and reconnect and retire. Remove and reinstall top-cap as needed.

Kinderberg Playground- Board approved \$300,000 which comes out of Building and Land improvements for the 2024 Budget. Additional funding requested will come out of ARPA and will be what this commission is wanting me to ask for.

The Jr. Warhawks baseball lease agreement with the Village ended December 31<sup>st</sup>. I drafted up a new agreement in which baseball will pay the Village \$4,000 instead of \$3,000 which was the previous two lease agreements over the last 4 years. The amount is based on charging baseball \$20 for every player registered. The \$20/player is the same agreement that Parks and Recreation has with Football and Soccer. The agreement includes the use of Friedstadt, Kinderberg, Haupt Strasse and Friedenfeld baseball fields. I consulted with the Baseball board before finalizing the draft and they agreed to pay the extra \$1,000 per year for two years, the length of the agreement. The Parks Commission voted to accept this agreement. I will now take the agreement to Village Board for final approval. The new agreement will take effect when baseball starts using our fields in March.

The Park and Recreation Commission and a volunteer group of Germantown Citizens who has an interest in advancing Germantown bike and pedestrian trails worked together with Graef Consultants for most of the 2023 calendar year to develop a Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Master Plan.

This Plan seeks to increase participation in walking, jogging, and cycling for active transportation, recreation, and wellness through the creation of an interconnected and safe trail network throughout the Village. This network will connect to regional and local trails across Washington County and the region, increasing access to the region for all as envisioned in the Washington County Bikeway and Trail Network Plan.

At a special called Park and Recreation Commission meeting held on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 a Graef consultant presented the final Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Master Plan for Germantown, with the Park and Recreation Commission voting to adopt this Plan unanimously.

The Park and Recreation Commission is requesting that the Village Board adopt a resolution to accept the Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Master Plan as the Master Plan for Germantown Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail System.

It is the hope that by the Board adopting a resolution accepting this Pedestrian/Bicycle Trail Master Plan, doors will open to receive funding from State and Federal grants.

This resolution was adopted by the Board at their January 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

- VIII. Adjournment: Motion made by Faye to adjourn, seconded by Jackie.**
- IX. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.**