

MEETING:	REGULAR MEETING OF THE SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DATE AND TIME:	Thursday, March 5, 2026 1:30 PM
LOCATION:	Germantown Senior Center W162 N11960 Park Ave Germantown, WI 53022

MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** *This meeting has been given public notice in accordance with Section 19.83 and 19.84, Wis. Stats, in such form that will apprise the general public and news media of subject matter that is intended for consideration and action.*
Trustee Jan Miller called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM

- II. **ROLL CALL:**
Present: Trustee Jan Miller, Advisory members Lynn Bracy, Norine Janzen, Barbara Borkenhagen. (Member Borkenhagen left the meeting at 2:13 PM)
Absent / Excused Faye Price
Also present: Director Gil Standridge, Interim Senior Center Coordinator Susan Tatalovich, Administrative Assistant for the Park & Recreation Department Linda Granec

- III. **MEETING MINUTES:**
 - A. Senior Center Advisory meeting minutes, July 17, 2025
Approve meeting minutes from the July 17, 2025, Senior Center Advisory Committee meeting.
Motion: as presented
Motioned By: Advisory Member Janzen
Seconded By: Advisory Member Bracy
Yes: Miller, Janzen, Bracy, Borkenhagen
No: None
Abstain: None
Motion Passed (Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 0)

- IV. **CITIZEN INPUT:** *(Please be advised per 19.84(2) that information and comment will be received from the public. It is the policy of this municipality that public input be limited to a four (4) minute period per person with a time extension granted at the discretion of the Chairperson. Be advised that there may be limited discussion of the information received but no action will be taken under public comments.) Comments that may be injurious to village personnel or other individuals will not be allowed.*

- V. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Update on AV equipment at the Senior Center - Director Standridge - (Discussion)

Director Standridge updated the committee on the upgrade of AV equipment at the Senior Center. RFP bids went out to three companies, two bids were received and Global Light & Sound will receive the contract as they came in with the lowest bid. Approval for the contract to be issued to Global Sight & Sound will go in front of the GGF Commission on March 16th for final approval.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Senior Center report - Susan Tatalovich - (Discussion)

Interim Senior Center Coordinator Tatalovich presented the Senior Center report. A new format and more user-friendly monthly newsletter was just rolled out. The monthly newsletter also includes a puzzle.

New programs have been added, including partnering with the library, the Lakeshore Chinooks Baseball game, extended tours both domestic and international, several informational presentations on legal and financial matters, and three dining out opportunities.

On June 19th, the Senior Center will be hosting a free summer party called Hot Fun in the Summer Time. A food truck and band have been reached out to. The cost of this event will be covered through a Washington County grant.

Would like to do something for the volunteer van drivers. It has been five years since some sort of appreciation was given.

The wheelchair lift on the van is in need of repair and is not usable until that repair can be completed. Once the part has come in, the DPW will install the part and make that repair. Ridership is down due to the lift not being operable.

Would like to look at doing a fare increase for the ride-share program. The trips are becoming longer and there has not been a price increase for several years.

The Senior Center has seen an increase in tours.

A Washington County grant has just been approved for the expenses of the Irish party that took place in December 2025 at the Senior Center. The check should be here shortly.

Katie Rodger Project Foreman at the DPW has been given a repair list for the Senior Center.

The fire sprinklers at the center are in the process of being removed from the building. Due to the age of the system, they are not working properly. The Center will continue to be on the fire alarm system through the fire department.

B. Mary Fiegel Senior Center Coordinator tribute, remembrance - (Discussion)

To honor Mary Fiegel Senior Center Coordinator, who recently passed away. The Senior Center will be placing a bench in her honor at the Center. The DPW will be helping with this project and will restore a bench. Once that is complete, a plaque will be placed on it to commemorate her and the contributions she has given to the Senior Center over the years.

C. Update on Recruitment for Senior Center Coordinator - (Discussion)

Director Standridge presented an update on the recruitment of the Senior Center Coordinator.

Currently, there are seven applicants that are interested in the position. The deadline for applications is on March 9th. Susan Tatalovich and Director Standridge will be looking over applications the week of March 8, conducting interviews that same week with a goal of extending an offer by the end of that week.

VII. VILLAGE BOARD REPORT:

Trustee Miller gave the Village Board report.

Administrator Steve Kreklow has given his notice and will be leaving. His last day will be on March 13th. He is going to Fox Point. A professional recruiter has been hired in the search for a new administrator. Innovative Public Advisors is providing an interim Village Administrator until a permanent administrator has been hired.

DPW Director Matt Mortwendt has given his notice and will be leaving. He is going to Brookfield. The Board has decided to hire for this position internally.

The Village Board has approved a 48-unit apartment building on Fond du Lac Avenue and Hwy. 145.

The Board has passed an Ordinance to increase the membership of the Economic Development Commission from 7 to 9 Commissioners.

Trustee Jan Miller was approved by the Village Board to chair the 4th of July committee. The committee is still looking for ideas for activities, games and volunteers for this event.

Baird Company is our new financial advisor and will be at the GGF meeting that will take place on March 16th.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

A. Director Standridge

Director Standridge presented his director's report.

Director Standridge and Supervisors Heinen and Doss have just returned from the Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association Conference that was held at the Kalahari Resort and Convention Center in the Wisconsin Dells from February 3rd - February 6th. All three attended several sessions that were offered at the conference to meet with their peers and vendors that could be an asset for maintenance and future projects. Director Standridge will be attending the regional conference on February 19th in West Allis.

Lease agreements have been drawn up with the Warhawks Baseball, Football and Soccer clubs for the use of the Village park fields for their leagues. The leases are for two years and the money that is collected is used towards landscaping and weed control for those fields.

Farmer's Market applications have gone out to the vendors who participated in the Farmer's Market last year so they could renew their agreements for the 2026 Farmer's Market. The Farmer's Market takes place from May 1st to October 31st. The vendors have agreed to take part in the 4th of July festivities and will hold the market at Firemen's Park, Noon – 4:00 PM. The liaison that has been part of the Farmer's Market in the past will not be coming back due to personal health concerns. A new liaison will be brought on for this season.

Community Garden applications have gone out to the vendors that participated in the 2025 community garden before it opens to the public on March 2nd, 2026. Prior year participants had the opportunity to have the same garden plot as they did the previous year. Once again, this year the master gardener will donate their harvest of vegetables to the Senior Center.

4th of July activities. Brandon Medved will be at Firemen's Park as our light and sound person for the day. Boot Jack Road will provide entertainment in the evening and fireworks will be provided once again by Wolverine. Other activities and details are still being worked out at this time.

Arbor Day and Earth Day will be combined this year on April 23rd. Richfield students grades 5th - 8th will come to the Village Hall and work on a project for the Park & Rec department. Once again, we will be planting a tree in one of our parks. This year the tree will be planted in Dheinsville Park.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE:

A. To Be Determined

X. ADJOURNMENT:

Trustee Miller adjourned the meeting at 2:56 PM.