

**VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN
SENIOR CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
GERMANTOWN SENIOR CENTER
5:30pm Thursday, March 20, 2014
Germantown Senior Center**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:32pm by Chairperson Ewert

II. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairperson Mel Ewert, Trustee Art Zabel, Senior Club Representative Arline Flesch;
Absent: Trustee Jeff Hughes, Norine Janzent; Staff: Senior Coordinator Jean Brill, New Senior
Coordinator Katie Rodger, Park and Recreation Director Justin Casperson; Audience: Roy Frank,
Cathie McCaffrey, Harry Reider, Pat Reider, Shirley Faenia, Phyllis Rieves, Batty Jusak, Laura
Schreiner, Jan Breitzmann, Jo Ann De Guetano, Sue Hafert, Rick Skarie, Gini Kohler.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Zabel, seconded by Flesch to approve the August 29, 2013 meeting minutes, motion
carried.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT:

A. None.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Air Handling Unit: Senior Coordinator Brill explained DPW staff removed the existing
thermostat on the wall in the dining room to discover a strong cold draft coming
through the opening. DPW staff insulated the opening and re-programmed the
thermostat. The air temperatures have remained consistent since the change. Senior
Center staff will continue to monitor the air temperatures.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Computer Lab: Park and Recreation Director Casperson stated the computers in the lab
need replacing. The Senior Center computer lab was built with the Senior Center
expansion in 2008. The computers in the lab are seven years old. They are used
frequently for general use and instructional classes. In the fall 2013 four out of the eight
computers crashed. The Park and Recreation Department and Village IT Consultant are
recommending replacement of all the computers. Replacing all the computers is a
logical and seamless transition. The new computers will contain new operating systems
and software. It would be difficult to teach classes if the computers are not on the same
system. The proposal was approved at the March 18 General Government and Finance
meeting and scheduled to be on the April 7 Village Board meeting.

B. Senior Coordinator Position: Park and Recreation Director Casperson stated Senior
Center Coordinator Brill was retiring March 31. There were 36 applications for the open
position. Senior Club representative Arline Flesch & Senior Coordinator Brill interviewed
eight candidates. The committee offered the job to Katie Rodger. Ms. Rodger started

March 18. The new Senior Coordinator, Katie Rodger introduced herself.

- C. Volunteer Hours: Senior Club Representative Flesch stated the Senior Center would not operate without the help from the senior volunteers. In 2013 the volunteers put in 5,018 hours. The volunteers are getting older and tired. She explained their concerns with opening and closing the facility. A lot discussion ensued. It was decided Senior Coordinator Rodger would meet with Park and Recreation Director to develop a plan during Ms. Rodger's absence.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- A. Park and Recreation Director Casperson stated the Kiwanis Outdoor Performing Arts Pavilion was still seeking sponsorships and fundraising. The master gardeners from the community garden planned to donate vegetables to the seniors this summer and fall. The Senior Center Easter Bunny lunch was scheduled for Saturday, April 12 at 12:00noon. He thanked Chairperson Ewert for all his years of service and dedication and presented him with an award recognizing his efforts.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

- A. There is a thank you/retirement party scheduled for 2:00pm Thursday, March 26 for Jean Brill. Please contact Lynn Schreiner if you plan on attending.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Ewert adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm

Respectfully Submitted by: Justin Casperson