

**Village of Niles  
Human Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
July 16, 2019**

The following Human Services Committee members were in attendance: Committee Chair Trustee John Jekot, Resident Member Tom Parala, Fitness Center Director Carl Maniscalco, Family Services Director Darren Brown, Senior Center Director Kelly Mickle, Teen Center Director Mark Williams and Deputy Village Clerk Kathryn Angell.

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. in Room 212 at the Niles Administration Building by Committee Chair Trustee John Jekot.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Kelly Mickle made a motion to approve the minutes of June 18, 2019, seconded by Carl Maniscalco. On voice vote all approved.

**III. New Business**

- a. Department Updates (reports attached, provided by Department Head)
  - i. Fitness Center
  - ii. Family Services
  - iii. Senior Center
  - iv. Teen Center
- b. Upcoming Meeting  
The Committee decided to hold meets quarterly. The next meeting will be October 15, 2019.

**IV. Open Discussion/Public Comment**

The Committee discussed the Senior Men's Club's need for a trailer as well as the upcoming Dental Days program at the Senior Center.

**V. Adjournment**

On voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Drafted on October 11, 2019 by Kathryn Angell, Deputy Village Clerk

Approved on October 19, 2019

Signed: 

## **Fitness Center Report**

- Memberships are at 2455 as of July 1.
- Attended Niles Chamber Morning Network event at the library July 16.
- Waiting for a \$3900 grant from Com Ed for the RTU 6 replacement
- Pool dry cooler replacement was approved at the June board meeting. We have ordered the equipment. The cost will be \$74,000.
- Cycling Classic July 25 at Notre Dame College Prep. Goody bags for residents on the race course will be delivered on Thursday July 18.
- A safety audit was done of the fitness center on June 26.
- Active shooter training was done on June 25.
- Softball practice has started for the game against the Niles Park District. There are 30 employees signed up for the team so there will also be a game amongst the employees before the Park District game.

## **Niles Family Services Updates**

- Currently interviewing for Assistant Director position
- Received donations of \$175.00 from the Public Works recycling event
- Received In-Kind donations of \$885.70 from the PW for the food pantry
- Received In-Kind donations \$2430.00
- Grandparenting group at Niles Community Church starting on 8/7

## Senior Center Updates

- Membership – 944
- Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and National Night Out
- AgeOptions Grant - \$2500 – 7/1-9/19 – Grant is to provide Medicare Outreach and education. Yacko's Bar
- Behavioral Health and Aging Certificate Training – 3 Senior Center staff and 2 Family Services Social Workers are taking advantage of free training online through NCOA and Boston University Center for Aging and Disability Education and Research. The 19 hours of training will cover:
  - Mental Health and Aging Issues – 4 hours
  - Suicide Prevention Among Older Adults – 4 hours
  - Mental Wellness and Resilience Among Older Immigrants and Refugees – 3 hours
  - Substance Abuse Among Older Adults – 4 hours
  - Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias – 4 hours
- Center of Concern did not receive funding for a breakfast congregate dining site for seniors and will submit an application next year. The site would have been at the library and the NSC would have provided space 1-2 times a month.

## Teen Center Report- Friday, July 12, 2019

### Membership/Attendance

- Member visits- 521 for June/ 460 for May
- Current active members- 96 teens
  - # of new memberships- 19 for June/ 26-May
  - Guest visits- 49 for June/ 50 for May

### Facility and Equipment Updates/ Replacement

- Purchased and installed new Type C phone chargers in the lockers for teen use

### Community Partnerships/Support/ Volunteers

- 15 teens participated in the Niles 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade; the Teen Center supported the Blues Brothers movie theme by hiring an authentic replica of the Blues Mobile and character actors; teens were provided hats, sunglasses and ties, teens passed out candy, tshirts, movie posters, buttons; the Teen Center borrowed an F150 truck from Golf Mill Ford

### Continuing programs

- 6/20- 8 teens attended a trip to pioneer park for mini-golf and batting cages
- 7/12- 13 teens attended in-house movie night, movie was Happy Death Day 2U
- Continuing with weekly structured activities planned by TC staff including- tie dye t-shirts, ice cream cupcakes, bags tournament, sidewalk chalk, yarn and perler bead crafts
- Planning for Fall programs/activities/events will begin in late July-early August

### In Progress

- Continuing Programs/ activities for the Spring/Summer include ...
  - Bring a Friend Fridays- 1x per month- free soda and chips & gift certificates with membership
  - Open at 11:45 for D63 early dismissal days- about one per month
  - Open at 1:00 pm for Maine East HS Finals in December & May
  - Monthly movie night (AMC theater or in-house)
  - Monthly recreational trips for summer- mini-golf/batting cages trip, oasis water park, magic waters in Rockford, swimming/bball at Niles Fitness Center