

Minutes of the
Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel
Tuesday, May 25, 2021
2:00 p.m.

The Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel hereby finds and determines that all formal actions were taken in an open meeting and that all deliberations of the Senior Citizens Advisory Panel, which resulted in formal action, were taken in a meeting open to the general public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Chairperson, Mr. Dreher, opened the meeting at 1:58 p.m.

Present:

Members: Tom Dreher, Ken Gauntner, Lisa Siciliano Miller, and Lyle Shull

Staff: Alyea Barajas, Cristen Kane

Absent: Spence Kline, Donna Tyson and Jason Boyd

Public: None

Public Comments: None.

Approval of the September 22, 2020 and December 15, 2020 minutes:

Mr. Gauntner moved to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2020 and December 15, 2020, Ms. Siciliano Miller seconded the motion to approve.

Vote: "All Ayes"

Motion carried.

Election of 2021 Officers:

Mr. Gauntner nominated and moved Mr. Dreher to be Chair and Mr. Shull to be Vice Chair of the Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel, and Ms. Siciliano Miller seconded the nomination. This is the second consecutive term for both.

Vote: "Ayes": Mr. Gauntner and Ms. Siciliano Miller

Abstain: Mr. Dreher and Mr. Shull

Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Senior Services Coordinator Updates:

Mrs. Barajas introduced Ms. Cristen Kane, Volunteer Services Coordinator, to the Panel. Ms. Kane provided an overview of her responsibilities as it pertains to volunteers and senior services. She also informed the Panel of the upcoming Volunteer Recognition Event to take place on June 24th at the Lake County Fairgrounds. Volunteers will drive down the midway of the grounds in a reverse parade-style event. Volunteers will be recognized by various agencies and providers in an effort to thank them for their service over the past year.

Ms. Kane requested the Panel assist with selecting a volunteer to be recognized with the Volunteer Hero Award. The award honors a senior volunteer who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to volunteer efforts throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Kane distributed voting forms for each Panel member to select their top three choices.

Ms. Barajas provided an update of the Lake County Mobile Food Pantry. The food pantry operations have been extended through the end of September 2021. Team will evaluate options to continue program beyond September.

Ms. Barajas informed the Panel of a federal grant application that would be submitted early July that would allow the Commissioners' office to create a new chore/errand program. The program would essentially utilize volunteers to provide chore/errand services to seniors living in Lake County that meet certain criteria. All program services would be non-medical services to meet the needs of seniors living at home. The program idea has been informally discussed with other senior service providers as well as the county's legal department. Awards will be announced September 7 and grant monitoring would begin October 1, 2021.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Discussion: Mr. Dreher requested full financial review of Senior Levy funds at the September 14, 2021 meeting. Mr. Dreher requested legal clarification as to the validity of renaming RSVP the Lake County Volunteer Network (LCVN), as well as review of the appropriateness of senior levy funds to be used to fund the LCVN as part of the Senior Services budget, rather than "awarding" funds annually through the levy allocation process. Mr. Gauntner agreed that it would be good to confirm with legal the Board of Commissioners have latitude in this respect.

Adjournment:

Mr. Dreher moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:46 p.m. and Mr. Gauntner seconded the motion.

Vote: "All Ayes"

Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 14 at 2:00 p.m.