

Minutes of the  
Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel  
Tuesday, May 24, 2022  
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. Shull, opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Present:

Members: Tom Dreher, Lisa Manning, Ellen Foley Kessler, and Lyle Shull

Staff: Alyea Barajas, Cristen Kane

Absent: Ken Gauntner

Public: Breighanna Hostetler - OSU Extension Intern

Public Comments: None.

Approval of the March 8, 2022 minutes:

Mr. Dreher moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022, Ms. Foley Kessler seconded the motion to approve.

Vote: "All Ayes"

Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Senior Services Coordinator Updates:

Mrs. Kane started by presenting Mr. Dreher with a flag star donated by Stars for Our Troops project. The project takes worn, used American flags and turns them into prized possessions for Armed Forces and Veterans. Ms. Kane continued by informing the Panel of a new collaboration between the Lake County Board of DD and volunteer Terri Lilly to help continue crafting these stars. The Panel all recognized and thanked Mr. Dreher for his service.

Ms. Kane informed the Panel of the recent AmeriCorps grant award for \$114,993. The American Rescue Plan Senior Demonstration Program grant awarded a total of \$10.5 Million to 46 grantees in 27 states. The County of Lake was one of three Ohio grantees to receive this funding. It is a 2-year grant and will begin July 1 and run through June 30, 2024. There is a 6-month planning period so volunteer activities will begin January 1, 2023. Volunteer activities include MOW, Phone Pals and the Lake County Mobile Food Pantry. Mr. Dreher thanked Ms. Barajas and Ms. Kane for pursuing the grant. Ms. Foley Kessler asked what other agencies were involved and applauded the efforts to acquire the grant and that it was a good example to demonstrate to other agencies. Ms. Manning expressed that she is certified to provide trauma informed care training should that be something we want to consider for the volunteers.

Ms. Kane went on to discuss the Volunteer Recognition Event on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at Mentor Civic Amphitheater from 1:30 – 4 p.m. with live music and free ice cream for all program volunteers. This year's theme is Our Volunteers are SUNsational. Award nomination forms for SUNsational Volunteer of

the Year have been distributed and will be presented to the Panel for review and selection by June 10. The awardee will be recognized with a certificate of recognition by the Board of Commissioners prior to July 13, 2022.

Ms. Kane provided an update on the Lake County Citizen Corps. An annual training was held on Thursday, May 19, from 5-8 p.m. for all Citizen Corps and Medical Reserve Corps with 35 volunteers in attendance. 2022 is a drill year and will cover a hostile-based action take over event. On June 15 there will be a training with Public Inquiry volunteers to prepare for the drill. The dry run drill is August 24 and the evaluated drill is September 27.

Ms. Barajas provided an update on the senior center software. The Board of Commissioners have signed an agreement with MySeniorCenter to supply each of the four centers, Eastlake, Perry, Fairport, and Madison with 900 key tags, a scanner, and touchscreen monitor. Those items should be shipped out next week. There will be a series of Zoom trainings to prepare the directors for implementing the software. Those will wrap up mid-June.

Ms. Barajas also shared information on several upcoming events, including Older Americans Month in May and World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) in June. The Board of Commissioners will be recognizing both events with a proclamation and associated press release. Adult Protective Services is planning a small WEAAD walk on June 15, which will kick off at JFS and continue to Veterans Park in downtown Painesville. Ms. Barajas also provided an update on Senior Day. The event at the Great Lakes Mall was canceled due to various reasons and has been moved to the Lake County Fair on July 29.

Ms. Barajas also updated the Panel on the Lifeline Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony on May 12 in which Senior Services was presented with two Outstanding Community Partnership awards—one for the Mobile Food Pantry and the other for the Volunteer Guardian Program.

Old Business: Mr. Dreher discussed concerns with the increase in membership and activity fees at the Willoughby Senior Center and how this may affect future levy funding. Ms. Foley Kessler indicated she too has heard some concern amongst members regarding the increased fees. Ms. Barajas indicated she would be adding a question to the 2023 request for levy funds regarding this issue.

New Business: None.

General Discussion: None.

Adjournment:

Mr. Dreher moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:34p.m. and Ms. Foley Kessler seconded the motion.

Vote: "All Ayes"

Motion carried.

\*The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 6 at 2:00 p.m.\*