

Minutes of the
Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel
Tuesday, June 29, 2026
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.

Mr. Sterk called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Ms. Bing read the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Bennett and Mr. Sterk provided comments following the reading.

Present:

Members: John Hamila, Jenna Bing, Greg Giegerich, Larry Sterk, David Bennett, Bill Tyers

Staff: Alyea Barajas, Cristen Kane

Public: Frank Weglarz and Spence Kline, Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees

Approval of the May 12, 2026, minutes:

Mr. Giegerich moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026. Ms. Bing seconded the motion.

Vote: "All Ayes"

Motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence: None.

Volunteer Services Coordinator – Lake County Volunteer Network (LCVN)/AmeriCorps Update:

Ms. Kane reported that planning continues for the remaining volunteer training videos funded through the AmeriCorps RSVP grant. The videos are designed to provide training and educational resources for volunteers serving older adults and will be available in an online video library on the Senior Services website. Upcoming topics include Adult Protective Services, compassion fatigue, and navigating difficult conversations. The compassion fatigue and difficult conversations videos will be developed in partnership with Signature Health.

Ms. Kane reported an ongoing need for male volunteers for the Phone Pal program. At least three older adult male participants are currently waiting to be matched with a volunteer for twice-weekly friendly phone calls.

Senior Services Manager Updates:

Ms. Barajas reminded Panel members of the Support Our Seniors Pancake Breakfast on September 13 at the Wickliffe Senior Center.

Ms. Barajas introduced Adam Sheldon of The Osgood Group to provide an update on the Senior Services Assessment and Strategic Planning process. Mr. Sheldon reviewed the draft mission and vision statements, discussed the broad strategic recommendations emerging from the assessment, and outlined the Advisory Panel's role in refining and advancing the strategic plan. Panel members engaged in discussion regarding the recommendations, priorities, and the Panel's role in the planning process.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

General Discussion: None.

Adjournment:

Mr. Hamila moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m. Mr. Giegerich seconded the motion.

Vote: "All Ayes"

Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.