

Minutes of the
Lake County Senior Citizens Advisory Panel
Tuesday, May 1, 2018
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. Doberdruk, opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Present-

Members: Ken Gauntner, Tom Dreher, Frank Doberdruk, Ellen Cantor, and Spence Kline

Staff: Alyea Barajas, Jason Boyd, Donna Tyson, and Kathy Russo

From the Public: Mr. Joey Tomsick, Council on Aging, Ms. Carol Billetter, Madison Senior Center, Mr. Joel Guthleben Fairport Senior Center and Ms. Lois Orosz, Fairport Senior Center

Public Comments -none.

Approval of June 20, 2017 minutes:

Mr. Dreher moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2017, Mr. Kline seconded the motion to approve.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Doberdruk, Mr. Dreher, Ms. Cantor, and Mr. Kline

Abstain: Mr. Gauntner

Motion carried.

Approval of August 15, 2017 minutes:

Mr. Gauntner moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017, Ms. Cantor seconded the motion to approve.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Doberdruk, Ms. Cantor, Mr. Kline, and Mr. Gauntner

Abstain: Mr. Dreher

Motion carried.

Approval of February 13, 2018 minutes:

Mr. Dreher moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2018, Mr. Gauntner seconded the motion to approve.

Vote: Ayes: Mr. Doberdruk, Mr. Dreher, Mr. Kline, and Mr. Gauntner

Abstain: Ms. Cantor

Motion carried.

Correspondence –

- Mrs. Barajas stated that she received correspondence. (which is included in the Panel's meeting packet for their review) from Ms. Katherine Ball, Ms. Connie Coffman, Ms. Lois Orosz, and Mr. Brian Massie and she has responded to everyone.

- Mrs. Barajas stated that Mr. Massie filed a public information request for RSVP 2016-2017 financial statements which she has provided to him.
- Mr. Dreher asked if Ms. Orosz could briefly explain her correspondence. Ms. Orosz asked how much money would be generated by Senior Levy. Mrs. Barajas responded the levy would bring in approximately \$4. million to \$4.4 million.

Senior Services Coordinator Updates:

Contingency Fund Requests

Mrs. Barajas updated the Panel on the contingency request she received from Fairport Harbor Senior Center for a parking lot repair and that the request is below \$50,000. Mr. Boyd stated that the Center has received three quotes and he and Fairport Harbor Administrator, Mr. Dave McGuirk have taken a look at the parking lot to get an idea of the scope of the project. Ms. Orosz asked if they could estimate how long it would take before this funding request may be approved. Mr. Boyd reviewed the necessary steps involved in a contingency request.

Conference on Aging

Mrs. Barajas stated that she is still in search of a keynote speaker for the Aging Conference. Mrs. Barajas is waiting to hear from AARP as they provide speakers free of charge. Mrs. Barajas stated that she welcomes any suggestions from the Panel and would like them to speak on aging in place and technology. Mr. Dreher suggested contacting Father Mike from the Body of Christ Church. Ms. Cantor had a suggestion if there was interest in elder abuse as a topic.

Old Business –

Senior Home Repair Update

WRDC has been taking referrals for home repair and modification needs since April 1. She met with them earlier today to discuss some of the concerns and program details. They have already been able to assist seniors with this program that would not have been eligible for other funding.

APS:

The Memorandum of Understanding with Job and Family Services is awaiting approval from the Commissioners. This MOU includes \$300,000 from the senior services levy which will allow the hire of 3 dedicated Adult Protective Services workers and 1 dedicated Adult Protective Services supervisor. Adult Protective Services is moving forward with restructuring staff, etc. Mr. Boyd added that Job and Family Services Director, Mr. Matthew Battiato, has committed to contributing Title 20 funds beginning in 2019 for the APS program. Mr. Dreher complimented Mrs. Barajas and Mr. Boyd for their hard work in getting these two programs (Senior Home Repair and APS) started.

Guardianship Program

Mrs. Barajas stated that she and Mr. Boyd have met with Lifeline to discuss partnership opportunities. They have shown interest in working with this program as it was identified as a major need in Lake County on their most recent needs assessment. Lifeline, in partnership with the Probate Court, would hire program staff and develop the program. Lifeline staff would be housed at the Probate Court. At this point, we have settled on a proposed budget totaling just under \$190,000. The program would serve those age 18 years and older that are in need of a guardian and would allow for the hire of

2 full-time individuals and 1 part-time. Revenue sources include Lifeline (\$15,000 CSBG Funding + \$3,600 tech grant), ADAMHS (\$15,000 annually to be allocated to Lifeline), Lake Health (TBD), and Senior Levy Funding. Once we have secured Lake Health's commitment, we will be able to finalize contracts. Mrs. Barajas anticipates this program will be up and running (with staff in place) and functional by September. She has a meeting scheduled for this Thursday to discuss details and responsibilities.

Other:

We have started to look at non-medical home health care services. The thought at this time would be that Council on Aging case managers would provide screening for eligibility and contract for services in conjunction with the County. The anticipated cost for this is approximately \$400,000. Mrs. Barajas stated that they would like to have additional funds released for other smaller initiatives such as caregiver support, fall prevention, dental assistance, etc. Mr. Dreher stated that there has been a lot of progress regarding the Senior Study suggestions and much of the progress has been behind the scenes. He feels that since the voters of Lake County supported the Senior Levy, we should make them aware of the hard work, commitment, and progress. Mr. Boyd stated that they are preparing press releases for the partnership programs.

Mr. Boyd and Mrs. Barajas briefly mentioned two programs that are still being discussed which are "In Home Care Services" and "Social Worker on the Go". Mrs. Barajas stated that there are quite a few senior centers that have expressed interest in these programs. Ms. Carol Billetter from the Madison Senior Center, explained that she supports the idea of "Social Worker on the Go".

**New Business –
Marketing**

Mrs. Barajas explained that she recently met with Ms. Robin Baum to discuss some marketing options and strategies. Ms. Baum has offered to help with constructing the Senior Services web page and Facebook page. In addition, she will help with putting together a one-page fact sheet which would highlight the senior services that are available in the county. This sheet could be used for ads, outreach events, etc. There has been discussion on planning a roundtable event with the senior service providers to discuss marketing senior services and to get feedback from them on the one-page fact sheet.

General Discussion:-

Mr. Tomsick stated that as a part of Older Americans Month, the Board of Commissioners presented a Proclamation supporting Older Americans Month. Council on Aging hosted Community Champions day and more than 30 public officials and community leaders participated in serving meals throughout the County. Mr. Tomsick updated the Panel on the recent Senior Services Levy Coalition meeting stating that he looks forward to serving as President of the Coalition this year. He mentioned several topics that were discussed at their recent meeting.

He announced that Council on Aging will host its annual meeting on May 17, 2018

Adjournment: Mr. Dreher moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:55 p.m. and Mr. Kline seconded the motion. Discussion: none.

Vote: "All Ayes"

*The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.