SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION
MINUTES OF July 21, 2026 MEETING

CALL TO ORDER:
Marianne Langlois, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:
Commission Members:

Present: Jessica Doster (The Helm), Catherine Dumke, Karen Everham, Marianne Langlois, Karen McLeod, and Pamela Solomon, constituting a quorum.

Absent: Kevin Quasarano, Ron Wehrmann, and Don Witt

Motion by Karen Everham, seconded by Karen McLeod, to excuse Commission Members Kevin Quasarano, Ron Wehrmann, and Don Witt from attendance at today's meeting. Passed unanimously.

Nancy Ochs, GPW Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant & Event Programmer, and City Council Representative Vicki Granger were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Motion by Pamela Solomon, seconded by Jessica Doster, to approve the minutes of the Senior Citizens' Commission meeting held on May 15, 2026. Said motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report showing the account balance as of June 30, 2026, was presented to the Commission.

OLD BUSINESS: It was the consensus of those present who had attended the Ice Cream Social held May 15, 2026, that the event was a success, including good ice cream, toppings, door prizes, and attendance. A discussion followed regarding non-residents' attendance at the event, with the conclusion that non-resident attendees be limited to prior GPW residents, to be accompanied by a current GPW resident.

NEW BUSINESS
Seniors' Picnic at Lakefront Park Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Plans for the picnic include lunch to again be provided by National Coney, ice cream by Wally's, with the Commission to provide chips and beverages. Bingo games will be held, with cash prizes. Raffle gifts, chosen by drawing tickets given to attendees as they arrive, will be $10 Kroger gift cards. Fees for the event will be $8.00 for resident and $10.00 for non-resident. In order to attend, a non-resident must be accompanied by a GPW resident. Nancy Ochs presented for review the proposed flyer advertising the picnic, as well as the proposed program for the day of the picnic

Request for Funds for Picnic
Motion by Karen Everham, seconded by Pamela Solomon, that a request for funds in the amount of $2,000.00 be submitted to the City Council to cover the expenses of the September 16, 2026, Seniors' Picnic. Said motion passed unanimously.

Request for immediate certification
Motion by Karen McLeod, seconded by Pamela Solomon. to recommend to the Mayor the immediate certification of the previous motion for request for funds of $2,000.00 to cover the expenses of the September 16, 2026, Seniors' Picnic. Said motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION
Marianne Langlois initiated a discussion regarding possible presentation to GPW seniors by someone from the Michigan Commission on Services for the Aging. She volunteered to contact that organization and report back to this Commission.

Jessica Doster also reminded us that the Seniors Expo at the Assumption Cultural Center in St. Clair Shores would be held on October 22, 2026, 8:30-1:30.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No members of the public were in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion made by Jessica Doster, seconded by Pamela Solomon, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

The next meeting of this Commission will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 1:00 PM, at the Grosse Pointe Woods Lakefront Park Bathhouse, 23000 East Jefferson, St. Clair Shores, MI following the picnic.

It is requested that, on the day of the picnic, Committee Members arrive at the park at 10:00 AM to assist with set up for the event.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Dumke, Secretary