

**SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF May 17, 2024, MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Kevin Quasarano, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

**ROLL CALL:**

Commission Members:

Present: Catherine Dumke, Karen Everham, Karen McLeod, Kevin Quasarano, Pamela Solomon, and Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone (Helm Life Center), constituting a quorum.

Absent: Janet Weber, Ron Wehrmann and Don Witt.

Rita O'Farrell, the City of GPW Recreation and Event Programmer, and City Council Representative Vicki Granger were also in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, seconded by Karen McLeod, to approve the minutes of the Senior Citizens' Commission meeting held on March 19, 2024. Said motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Review of Ice Cream Social held May 17, 2024.

The event was well attended, and well received by the attendees. 55 registered, and almost all showed up.

Prizes included flowers from the City's annual flower sale and Kroger gift cards. In addition, The Helm and Sunrise each had a table and each provided a gift basket as a prize. It was suggested that, for next year, instead of, or in addition to the Kroger gift cards, gifts of admission to City classes or events be used as prizes.

Wally's ice cream (100 servings), as well as the toppings of Oreo crumbles, sprinkles, Hershey's chocolate syrup, and whipped cream, were just right.

It was suggested, and agreed, that next year's event should start earlier and run from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

It was agreed that an information table should be set up at the event featuring the variety of GPW events.

It was agreed that we should again include a presentation by Director Kosanke. It was also suggested that perhaps The Helm could make a presentation next year, in place of an entertainer.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone advised that the Senior Expo will again be held at Assumption Center on Thursday, October 17, 2024. We, as well as the GPW Parks & Recreation Department, are invited to have a table at the event.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Plans for Seniors' Picnic at Lakefront Park on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

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, as well as a presentation by Rita O'Farrell about GPW trips and outings (she will bring flyers), are anticipated.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were in attendance.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Karen Everham, seconded by Pamela Solomon, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM.

The next meeting of this Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 4:00 PM, at Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center - Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Dumke, Secretary