

Elgin Township Committee on Seniors
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of November 29, 2018 Minutes

The regular meeting of the Elgin Township Committee on Seniors was held on November 29, 2018 in Meeting Room A of the Elgin Township Building. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rich Jacobs at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Cherie Aschenbrenner, William Baker, James Fox, Ginny Goyer, Pat Hudgens, Rich Jacobs, Jerri McCue, and Mary Roberti were present. Jane Barbosa was absent. Quorum was established. Trustee Vern Tepe was present as the Board liaison.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Jim Fox moved to have the minutes of the October 4, 2018, regular meeting of the Committee on Seniors approved as presented. William Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried 8-0-0.

RESIGNATIONS

Pat Hudgens and Cherie Aschenbrenner submitted letters of resignation which were accepted by Chairman, Rich Jacobs. Both were thanked by the Committee for their participation, time, and effort in launching this endeavor.

PRESENTATION FROM THE NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS AGENCY ON AGING

Leslie Edstrom, Community Planning Manager, presented an overview of the organization and where it fits within the "Aging Network" from the Federal departments to the local direct service providers. Both State and key demographic trends, as well as a list of core services, were cited. Marla Fronczak, Executive Director, distributed handouts and was available to answer questions.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mission of the Committee on Seniors: Rich Jacobs presented the following declaration for discussion:

MISSION STATEMENT

To support Senior Citizens in Elgin Township remaining independent and to age in place.

Jerri McCue moved to accept the Mission Statement as presented. Jim Fox seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0,

Vision of the Committee on Seniors: Mary Roberti presented an alternative statement for consideration. Jim Fox made a motion to move the statement into discussion. Ginny Goyer, seconded the motion. All agreed. After discussion, the statement was revised to be the Vision Statement with wording that was consistent with the Illinois Compiled Statutes (ILCS) Article 220-5 and 220-10.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the Elgin Township Committee on Seniors is to recommend distribution, with accountability, designated property tax dollars via a service contract process with social service organizations that support and advocate for vulnerable Elgin Township residents, age 55 and over, on a needs basis with the purpose to provide the means to age in place and maintain a quality of life.

Mary Roberti moved to accept the revised statement to express the vision of the committee. Jerri McCue seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.

2. Discussion on Committee Members Research on Seniors:

- a. Rich Jacobs reported that doing a survey through the Elgin Township was a possibility. The cost of the survey would be funded by the Senior Services money. The effort to compose the survey and compile the results would need further discussion
- b. Ginny Goyer reported on her visit with Lynnadah Easterwood Lahey, Director of Senior/Disability Services in the Wheeling Township. The main concern was the need for jobs. It was noted that income, in addition to Social Security and SSDI, was needed to age in place with quality of life
- c. Vern Tepe reported on his trip to the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) conference in Springfield. He attended the sessions on Seniors and Aging. Transportation was noted as a key need (confirmed in discussion with Palatine Township)
- d. Jim Fox reported that the Kane County Board of Elections Walk List of persons 60 years of age and older would help identify the population to receive a survey

3. Open Meetings Act Committee Member Certification: Rich Jacobs collected certificates from all the Committee Members who had completed the Open Meetings Act (OMA) training. Outstanding certifications should be completed by the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Elgin Township Approved Classes: Based on discussions with Beth McClory, Senior Services Associates, and confirmed by the survey results presented by Cherie Aschenbrenner, Vern Tepe compiled a list of Technology Classes that he and others could conduct at no cost. Vern presented this idea at the Elgin Township Board Meeting, October 15, for approval and to request the use of the Township Building. At the Board Meeting the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Misc. Business: No miscellaneous business was presented

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next general meeting of the Committee on Seniors is scheduled for Thursday, December 27, 2018, 4:00pm at the Township offices, 729 S McLean Blvd., Elgin Illinois 60123

ADJOURNMENT

Jim Fox moved to adjourn, seconded by Jerri McCue. Motion carried 6-0-0. Time was not noted.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Roberti.


Mary Roberti, Secretary

12-27-2018
Date



Rich Jacobs, Chairperson

12-27-2018
Date


William Baker


James Fox

Date 12/27/18


Ginny Goyer

12-27-18
Date


Jerri McCue

12-27-18
Date