OAK PARK TOWNSHIP
SENIOR SERVICES

SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
FOR OAK PARK AND RIVER FOREST TOWNSHIPS
Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 7:00pm

The purpose of the Committee includes promotion and outreach, strategic planning, evaluation, special projects, and recruitment of committee members. Committee members bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to Senior Services for the benefit of our residents and provide programmatic recommendations to our Board of Trustees.

CALL TO ORDER

The monthly meeting of the Senior Services Committee of Oak Park and River Forest Townships was held on Wednesday, June 26,2024 and called to order by Vice-Chairperson Drew Roskos at 7:03 PM

Present Oak Park Committee: Drew Roskos, Don Anderson, Liz Brach, Pat Koko, Jean Peterman, and Trustee Liaison Eric Davis

Present River Forest Committee: Jean Buckley, Carolyn Foster, and Township Supervisor John Becvar

Absent Oak Park Committee: Valerie Lester and Margaret Nafiseh

Absent River Forest Committee: Mike Carioscio, Jim Flanagan, Briselda Gjikondi, Lydia Manning, and Ruth Reko

Also Present: Pamela Mahn, Director of Senior Services for Oak Park & River Forest Townships; and Maureen Delaney, Assistant to the Director of Senior Services of Oak Park & River Forest Townships

INTRODUCTIONS

Each attendee introduced themselves, identified the Township they represent, and stated their plans for summer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The committee reviewed the minutes from the May 15, 2024 meeting. Jean Buckley moved to approve the minutes. Jean Peterman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - none

OPT LIAISON'S REPORT – presented by Eric Davis

- OPT Board approved the budget for fiscal year 2025
- The Board is working on strategic planning
- The Decennial Report is complete and will be posted on the website
- The Board has an IGA with River Forest Township for the Youth Engagement Program
    - The Oak Park Park District has declined to join the agreement
- The dining room of the Senior Center will serve as a heating and cooling center for area residents

RFT LIAISON'S REPORT – presented by John Becvar

- RFT approved the budget for fiscal year 2025 this month
- There is a vacancy on the Mental Health committee
- John thanked everyone who marched in the RF Memorial Day parade
- Looking for volunteers to march in OP's Fourth of July parade
- No Coffee Mondays in July
- SHIP counseling will be back in person in RF

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Pamela Mahn, Director for Senior & Disability Services of Oak Park & River Forest Townships, presented the report:

- Pam attended Age Options' 50-year anniversary celebration
- Pam distributed copies of the newsletter
    - New format saves Township $6500 a year
    - Trustee Davis asked Pam to work with Ashley Elane, in house communications coordinator, to create a social media post about the new format of the newsletter
- Farmer's Market coupons are coming next week
- Welcome Center is up and running – ribbon cutting on July 23

OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pat Koko reminded the committee of the upcoming Friends of Library sale on July 12-14

NEXT MEETING
The next meeting of the Senior Committee will be held on September 18, 2024

ADJOURMENT
Committee vice-chair Drew Roskos adjourned the meeting at 8:47 PM

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