

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2016  
MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COMMISSION ON AGING  
American Legion Memorial Civic Center  
Morton Grove, Illinois 60053**

Pursuant to proper notice in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the regular meeting of the Advisory Commission on Aging was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Chairperson Marrazzo. The roll was called. In attendance were:

Members of Commission Present:	Chairperson Ann Marrazzo, Commissioners Alice Rupkey, Agnes Quinn, Dr. Alma Labunski, Iris Nason and Nancy Lanning
Members Absent	Commissioner Tom Stockenberg
Liaison	Janine Witko, Village Trustee
Village/Staff Present:	Tom Friel, Fire Chief
Visitors Present:	Kate Paz, Mather LifeWays

Commissioner Labunski moved to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2016, meeting seconded by Commissioner Rupkey. A correction was made stating Commissioner Labunski questioned whether there was potential that a bus could be shared with Niles. Minutes were unanimously approved with the correction.

**Old Business:**

Commissioner Rupkey stated that the senior news did get in the information requested for Mather LifeWays and the Senior Notes. The December Senior Notes was an impressive issue.

Commissioner Nason asked questions about Mather LifeWays. Ms. Paz responded with the various clubs and events Mather LifeWays is involved in at the Civic Center. Mather LifeWays has expanded to greater Chicagoland.

**New Business**

Commissioner Rupkey asked whether the senior discount for water will ever be reintroduced? Trustee Witko will present the request to the Village Board. Chief Friel did speak about where future water will be purchased from for the Village residents. Currently it comes from Chicago, but there is interest in purchasing water from another community. It is in negotiations currently.

## **Report from Commissioners**

There are no new reports from the Commissioners.

## **Liaison Reports**

Ms. Paz, Mather LifeWay, has worked with the Village social worker, Rebekah Philippart, to come up with a ride sharing program. They have placed a board at the reception desk in the Civic Center, where someone can place their name to either give a ride or get a ride. This is the best offered without the Village or Mather LifeWays not having any liability issues.

Pace has a service which picks up curb to curb; an application needs to be filled out and an interview must be held by the Regional Transportation Authority. The State of Illinois offers a "Ride for Fee" program to give a free bus pass based on income level. They also offer a reduced fare card. The Village also has reduced taxi fare coupons with American Taxi service. You get a book of 20 which entitles you to a \$2.00 taxi ride discount.

An Open House will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2016, in conjunction with the Thursday night concert. It will involve various departments, Public Works, etc. The Cash Dash will also be in attendance to help residents look for lost cash.

Mather LifeWays are offering daily meals served in Skokie at 7475 Lincoln (Howard).

Trustee Witko spoke about the "Adopt A Planter" program that is to be started throughout the Village. Volunteers will be tagged with a big planter (85 in all) and given some plants to start. Then the responsible party can add plants, if they chose, and take care of the pot during the year.

Commissioners were at the Neighborhood Outreach Program which was held in March and attendance was impressively large. Mr. Friel stated various Village departments were there and residents were asked to share issues with staff. The next Neighborhood Outreach Program will be held at Edison School, 8200 Gross Point Rd., June 15, 2016.

## **Comments from Visitor**

A visitors asked what is the top concern in the Village. Ms. Paz asked - how do you reach out to residents living in the Village that have no way to get information except through the Morton Grove Exchange. That is a concern.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Commissioner Nason moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lanning and approved unanimously pursuant to a voice vote.

**Next regular meeting is scheduled for 1:00 pm, May 10, 2016, and will be held at the American Legion Memorial Civic Center.**

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Chairperson Anne Marrazzo

APPROVED