

Charter Township of Orion  
Meeting Minutes  
Senior Advisory Council  
August 6, 2014

Members present: Glendon Smith, George Hanley, Lisa Sokol, Nancy Fischer, Evelyn Doyle, Bob Hazzard, George Sinnott, Eleanor Smith, David Mansfield, Penny Shults, Mike Nebel, Ian Locke, Ed Ratzenberger, Bill Schramm, Delores Vovillia, Karen Knox, Mark Thurber, Bill Schramm

Members absent: Penny Shults, Ian Locke

Meeting called to order by Evelyn Doyle at 9:18 AM

Minutes for our June meeting were approved

Library Report - Karen Knox and Delores Vovillia

- Summer reading programs were a big success
- I-Pads are currently being circulated so people can become familiar with them and their operation
- The Library will be closed Labor Day weekend
- Little Libraries have been placed around strategic places in town and are being used
- Some local businesses are offering discounts if you show your Library Card, a list of businesses offering the discount is available at the Library

ONTV Report - George Sinnott (See attached report)

Beaumont Hospital

- They have begun their ONTV series and Evelyn Doyle is directing
- They have started their Orion Center presentations and have been well received
- Two charitable organizations have combined to raise funds for cancer victims, they will host an evening event at the Orion Center and Beaumont Hospital will be involved
- Immunizations is scheduled in the future at the Orion Center, these will include Flu and Shingles shots

Big Rig event was held and was a huge success (Beaumont Helicopter was very popular)

Waste Management donated funds for flowers and gardens

Lisa presented both Parks and Recreation as well as Senior Programs (See enclosed report)

- Facility update - Heating and Air Conditioning at the Orion Center continues to be a problem, OHM Consultants were hired to do a survey of the current system and the Township Board has received the report. An assessment has been made as to what would be required to put the

system in top operating condition. The Township Board will now determine what action will be taken. Bill Schramm reminded the group that there is a 6 year statute of limitations

Mark Thurber gave an update on the use of Credit Cards at the Center. It is a very complicated process of marrying the three disparate systems used by the Township. A new system will be installed at the Treasurer's office soon. All systems are currently old and not well supported.

The NOTA millage passed so the present service level will be continued

One of the Fire Millages passed allowing the department to staff more full-time people, however the millage for new equipment and facilities failed

Discussion regarding the DDA siphoning money from any millage that has been passed led by Mike Nebel. Money is currently used to support Economic Development, Design and Staff

George Hanley indicated that attendance at some of our summer concert series has been poor, also there is a need for better signage for Wildwood Amphitheater

Nancy Fischer covered activities scheduled at the Orion Center and issued a report. There were a couple of new suggestions in the suggestion box, the most important is that the exercise equipment needs better regular maintenance.

George Hanley - Friends of Orion Center Seniors report

- We will have another "Christmas Lights" program this year with some entertainment
- There will be a Halloween dinner/dance in October to help raise funds, admission will be \$25 and George Sinnott is donating the band
- Friends had a Pampered Chef party to help raise fund
- Don't forget to re-sign up for the Kroger Community Awards program, proceeds go directly to the Friends to help support Senior activities and programs

Applications for next year's Senior Advisory Board will be available in September

Mark Thurber advised that the Township had purchased Agawam Boy Scout camp. The Lone Ranger day was very successful and he would like to bring more of the events and activities to Orion Township

Bill Schramm advised that Homes for Autism will be having a Walk at the Zoo on August 17th starting at 8:30 AM

A representative from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be invited to our next meeting

Our next meeting will be held on September 3rd starting at 9:15 AM

The meeting adjourned at 10:36

Submitted by George Sinnott, Secretary

