

**AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2018 5:30 P.M.**

ATTENDEES: Leroy Walker, Frank Pippin, Jan Biron, Cindy Larrabee, Robert Berry, Ruth Straehle

Special Speaker: Kathleen Kienitz, Elder Law Attorney

Leroy Walker opened the meeting at 5:32 p.m. He explained who was not able to be present at the meeting tonight and their reasons why. A lot of other meetings and National Night Out are taking place tonight.

Meeting minutes from the July 17th meeting were distributed.

On the agenda, it states that there is a hot dog social on August 25th. There will be a meeting held at the senior center on August 28th instead. August 25th is cancelled. The hot dog social will be held in September. Leroy Walker also explained that the senior center is already getting too small for the groups that meet in the building and that the meeting on August 28th will be to review reasons why we want to have the senior center in Pettengill Park. What are the advantages to opening up the whole building? There are many more functions that could be held in the building if we had the entire building instead of 1/3. The building could also be rented for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. if there was more room. On the 28th, the building will be open, so that we can see the other side. Everyone went into the garage area to see what the area consisted of. Leroy stated that the entire building project was approved two years ago. The new facility would have a folding wall that would separate it from the other side, if needed. The new city manager is not aware that the entire project has been discussed, with the first portion being approved. Now, the next phase of the project will be to get access to the remainder of the building and get approval for its renovation. Leroy asked people to come to the meeting to show their support for completing the project. If the project doesn't go through, the next step could be that the seniors could go to the council and request a completely new building in another location.

Our former manager, Howard Kroll, will try to forward some of the original documentation for the project. We want the building finished, with a new heating system, new bathrooms, and a hall big enough to hold 300 people. We need an engineer and architect to give us the information we need to get the project done. We also need an Age-Friendly coordinator for adults, to include senior citizens, for 37.5 hours a week to be dedicated to the community center. We would like to have the building separated from the recreation department, and be its own entity. Moving forward, we need to be stronger than we have been in the past. The council vote was to move forward with this project. With public services getting a new storage building, it would free up this building and make that possible.

Motion to accept the minutes by Cindy Larrabee and seconded by Frank Pippin.

Leroy Walker wants to reach out to the rec department about their corn hole game. They only have one set. We need to purchase more sets.

Kathleen Kienitz introduced herself to the group. She handed out “Ten Things You Can Do to Avoid Fraud”. She went through all the points:

1. Spot Imposters - imposters can get a lot of personal information about you!
2. Do online searches - if you suspect fraud, typing in the business name can clear up your questions.
3. Don't believe your caller ID - Scammers use local phone numbers!
4. Don't pay upfront for a promise - Scammers are very convincing and can talk you into almost anything.
5. Consider how you pay - Wiring money is risky. It is impossible to get it back.
6. Talk to someone - Sometimes people get calls supposedly from the IRS. The IRS doesn't call people. They will get information from you that will do a lot of damage to your credit.
7. Hang up on robo calls - These are pre-recorded calls. Just HANG UP!
8. Be skeptical about free trial offers - Nothing is ever really free. Be skeptical! Read the fine print. You may be signing up for a monthly subscription that could be costly.
9. Don't deposit a check and wire money back - Never, ever, ever give your check routing number or account number - or your social security number to anyone!!!!
10. Sign up for free scam alerts from the FTC at ftc.gov/scams - The Federal Trade Commission can help!

Kathleen answered questions and asked members to share their horror stories. She also stated that she would appreciate the opportunity to come back again to speak to us further.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Biron, Secretary

UPDATE TO MINUTES AS OF 08/15/18 – The meeting on August 28th has been canceled. It will be rescheduled sometime in September.