

**NORTHVILLE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2015**  
**Northville Community Center**

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Mittman at 8:30 a.m.

- 2. Roll Call:** Dick Brown, Lesa Buckland (excused), Sam Ekong, Richard Henningsen, Mindy Herrmann (excused), Bob Lipmyer, Jim Mazurek, Jerry Mittman, Andrea Murdock  
**Staff Members:** Suzie Johnson, Jason Spiller, Heidi Russell  
**Guests:** None

**3. Announcements and Citizens Comments - None**

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

- Moved by Henningsen and seconded by Mazurek to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- Moved by Lipmyer and seconded by Henningsen to approve the amended minutes of the regular meeting held on July 16. There was a minor change in item 6A to change Northville Record to Northville Today. Motion passed.

**6. Monthly Reports**

**A. Transportation Update**

- Ridership is up 9% year over year while costs are down 9% for the same time frame.
- Fuel costs are down significantly with a 55% reduction.
- Most trips relate to medical appointments.
- New ridership continues to increase primarily from Assisted Living facilities.
- Article in Northville Today helped in providing visibility and increased ridership for the transportation program.

**B. Participation Report**

- Participation in Health & Wellness programs continues to expand with an increase of 17.8% year over year.
- All activities in the last six months have increased 9.2% since last year in the same time frame.
- Senior Olympics, for the first time in several years, had less participation than previously due to date changes and new management.

**C. Upcoming Events**

- Both attendance and number of programs offered to all citizens have increased dramatically. The number of seminars, trips, presentations, etc. continues to grow with full attendance at many programs. For example, December trips already are sold out. This is one of the “shining stars” of Senior Programming and the Northville Community Center.

**7. Old Business - None**

- 8. New Business**
- A. Senior Citizen of the Year**
- Marv Gans, trustee for the Northville Township, was honored as Senior Citizen of the Year at the Michigan State Fair for his leadership and guidance in restoring Thayers Corners.
- 9. Reports**
- A. City Liaison Report – Sam Ekong**
- City of Northville was selected as the “Most Snobbish” town in Michigan in a recent publication.
  - Two citizens are running for Mayor of the City of Northville and three citizens are running for two openings in City Council.
  - General discussion about several new restaurants opening in Northville.
  - Hiller’s Market, purchased by Kroger’s, has closed its store on Center Street. Further plans for the facility still are under discussion.
- B. Township Liaison Report – None**
- C. School Board Liaison Report – Jim Masurek**
- Discussions regarding usage of the Old Village School building have slowed with further meetings probably on hold until 2016.
  - The increase of 150 students in the NPS at the beginning of the school year was substantially greater than predicted.
  - NPS, in anticipation of continued growth in Northville, is determining what schools would be assigned to undeveloped areas that could be used for new homes. This is being done to avoid parental concerns of not knowing where their children will attend school.
  - Schoolcraft College is requesting a 0.6 millage increase on the November ballot
- D. Chairperson and Commission Member Comments - None**
- 10. Date of Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held at 1 PM on October 15, 2015.
- 11. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 9:32 AM**

Submitted by Dick Brown