



Senior Citizens Commission Meeting

October 23, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm.

In attendance: Jim Millerick, Laura Chandler, Diane Royko, Don Provost, Maryelen Wielock, Art Murelli and Tricia Twomey.

The minutes from the September meeting were read and approved.

Public Comment: None

Senior Housing Discussion: The feasibility study is still in progress.

Financial Report: The budget is at 22%.

Tricia would like to buy a new couch and chairs this year and replace the tables two at a time beginning next year.

Fall Programs: There were great compliments about the refurbished Center at the Breakfast with Friends.

The next newsletter will include an announcement about AARP's Safe Driving program coming in December and the Flu Clinic which is November 7.

Tai Chi is still well attended, as is Bingo.

The New Year's Party will be December 30. The Senior Club party will be December 5.

Senior Center Renovations: The renovations are almost complete. The kitchen has a new sink plus cabinets and countertops and there is new shelving in the closet. Tricia commented that they still need new blinds and a bulletin board or facing for the existing board. The new floors and paint color are beautiful.

Burlington Bell Grant - The proposal for purchasing the new equipment is not on par with what we had originally planned. It was decided we would pursue a different path for purchasing the computers. Jim will follow up on this.

Tax Abatement: Bath Paul has updated the numbers for the proposal. A discussion followed about the presentation to the BOF. We agreed to change the residency requirements from 3 years to 15 or more.

While we favor Option 1 on the grounds that it is not income- based, all three Options should be considered. Art made the point that we want to serve all seniors, not just low-income residents.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Next meeting - November 20.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Chandler