



OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

CITY OF NOVI

ELECTRONIC MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 – 6 P.M.

248.347.0400

1. **Welcome – Introductions:**

Dr. Joslen Letscher, Michael Longo, Mary Storch, Neha Kiru, Janet Censoni and Cecilia Gallagher (AB Ex)

Sandy Fisher (OAS Social Services coordinator,) Jeff Muck (PRCS Director)

Members introduced themselves and gave insight on their backgrounds and what they hoped to contribute to the Board and community.

Director Muck gave an update on the Open Meetings Act as related to virtual meetings.

2. **Return to Recreation Plan**

Director Muck provided information on the PRCS current Return to Recreation plan which includes guidelines for program participants. Discussed current status of programs at Meadowbrook Commons including visitation restrictions. Changes had been made to the Meadowbrook Commons resident's portal based on the Board's feedback at the last meeting as well as enhancements to the OAS pages in the Engage magazine. Also notified the Board that Meadowbrook Commons had two one bedroom apartments available and a short discussion followed.

3. **Parks Projects Update**

Director Muck gave updates on Lakeshore Park, the Novi Water Tower, Bosco Fields and installation of pickle ball courts at Wildlife Woods Park.

Social Services Coordinator Fisher provided updates on Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Medicare and other programs and services. Discussion was held on the Loan Closet including number and type of items, donation needs, and process adjustments due to Covid 19.

4. **OAS Winter Programs, Events and Services Discussion**

The Board discussed a list of potential programs and services for 55+ developed by the PRCS/OAS team. Feedback was given on developing classes that could be a hybrid of virtual and in-person. Other recommendations were looking at Meet Ups or Zoom sessions with games such as Pictionary, etc for those who are not comfortable meeting in person. Taped You Tube classes and Grab and Go craft and gardening kits were discussed.

The Board also discussed what programs and services fell under the Aging in Place initiative and how they could be promoted to more residents.

A call to action looking for volunteers and sponsors will be created with Community Relations. In the call to action there will be suggested activities, but we are open to programs suggested by people willing to run them. A letter will be sent to people 55 and older on the absentee voter list.

Director Muck also notified the Board that we would be having our first OAS Transportation vehicle wrapped with graphics this week.

5. Roundtable:

6. ADJOURNMENT

2020 Schedule:

December 15

2021 Meeting Dates:

February 16

April 20

June 15

August 17

October 19

December 21