Approved Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the  
Senior Services Commission  
Village of Northbrook  
March 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at Crestwood Place Apartments – Activity Room. Present were Chairman Fred Rosenberg and Members Robert Caldwell, Sunil Hazaray, Liz Ganitopoulos, Michael Lefkow, Joan Malin, Les Stern, Sandra Whitmore. Also present were Assistant Director of Finance Betsy Garibaldi, (R&M) Representative Aggie Jaworski, Manager Dave Vaicaitis, and Recorder Sue Anetsberger.

Guests  
Meri Shea - Northbrook Park District; 22 Crestwood residents

Report from Meri Shea  
Meri Shea, Recreation Manager of the Leisure Center at the Northbrook Park District reported that the Park District will host a St. Patrick’s Day Party on March 15, 2019. Barbara Rinella will appear at Sunset Ridge Country Club in a program that is a tribute to George and Barbara Bush. Senior Week begins April 16-20, 2019. This opportunity allows seniors the chance to attend any class “free of charge” and see what the Senior Center is all about. Information on upcoming programs was left for the residents.

Review and Approval of Minutes  
A correction on Page 1, line 29 should read “The FY/20 budget does contain those increases.”

A correction on Page 3, line 6, should read, “not to exceed $2500.”

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting with corrections was made by Member Lefkow and seconded by Member Hazaray. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Chairman’s Report  
Chairman Rosenberg began by stating that a number of projects sponsored by the Senior Services Commission have been completed and other projects are forthcoming. Those projects include the successful partnership between the Hunger Resource Network and the Northfield Township Food Pantry, and the recently completed door handle conversion project. Upcoming projects include the remodeling of the public restrooms and an intercom for the main entrance.

Chairman Rosenberg stated that Thomas Moore, Community Relations Supervisor Officer, from the Northbrook Police Department gave a talk on security and scams. Residents were told what scenarios to be on the alert for. Chairman Rosenberg reminded the residents to please be very careful whom they let in to the building.

Chairman Rosenberg stated that everyone would have the opportunity to have a voice at tonight’s meeting, but asked that guests speak one at a time.
Manager’s Report
Manager Vaicaitis reported that there is one vacant unit, a studio that is ready to rent. Manager Vaicaitis is vetting candidates to fill the occupancy.

Nine residents are qualified to make trips to the Northfield Township Food Pantry using the transportation service that is being provided.

Manager Vaicaitis is receiving good feedback regarding the door lever project. The residents like the new look and are happy with how the levers operate.

The public restrooms will be remodeled. The project has received approval from the Village Board. Final measurements have been taken.

A wireless doorbell will be purchased for approximately $200 for the main entrance at Crestwood Place. The unit runs on batteries, does not have to be hard wired, has a six-month cycle on the batteries and will be located on the inside of the doors.

Member Malin inquired about intercoms for entrances A & C. Manager Vaicaitis stated that all residents should be entering through the main entrance.

Budget and Finance
There were no comments or questions. Member Stern, seconded by Member Caldwell moved to approve the December, 2018 financial report. On voice vote, the motion passed.

There were no comments or questions. Member Whitmore, seconded by Member Ganitopoulos moved to approve the January, 2019 financial report. On voice vote, the motion passed.

Old Business
1) Door Handle modifications installed in February
Manager Vaicaitis provided information in the Manager’s Report.

2) Update on Public Restroom Remodeling
Assistant Director of Finance Betsy Garibaldi stated that there was no new information at this time.

3) Update on programming at Crestwood Place (Commissioner Moore)
Member Moore was absent at tonight’s meeting. The item will be placed on the May meeting agenda.

4) Status of installation of an additional intercom in the lobby the for Crestwood residents to utilize instead of opening the door to strangers.
There is no new information to add at this time.
New Business
1) Security at Crestwood Place
This topic was covered in the “Chairman’s Report”.

2) Update on the Senior Services Round Table meeting held on 2/20/19
Member Whitmore stated that a successful meeting was held at the Northfield Township Food Pantry on February 20, 2019. Twelve individuals representing different organizations that offer senior programming and services were present. Those individuals will take back the information that was offered and will discuss and share with their own organizations. Jill Brickman, Supervisor of the Northfield Township Food Pantry, provided a wonderful tour. Attendees were given the opportunity to hear about all of the available resources offered to seniors. The representatives offered to host upcoming meetings at their respective centers. The next meeting will be held at the Weinberg Community for Senior Living located at 1551 Lake Cook Road, Deerfield, IL on July 17, 2019.

Hear from the Audience
Member Malin on behalf of a Crestwood resident asked if any arrangements have been made with regard to window replacement. Chairman Rosenberg stated that new windows were not on the budget for next year. Member Malin indicated one resident has a problem with her apartment windows. Chairman Rosenberg referred the matter to Manager Vaicaitis. Manager Vaicaitis will meet with the resident who has a window problem to seek resolution on the matter.

Member Malin asked on behalf of Crestwood residents that a meeting be held to inform Crestwood residents of the upcoming rent increase. Chairman Rosenberg stated that a rent increase on renewal leases beginning May 1, 2019 would have a 5% increase. The rent rate beginning May 1, 2019 for new tenants moving into Crestwood Place is $665 per month.

Member Malin asked on behalf of Crestwood residents that if there was an alternative to calcium chloride for melting snow. She stated that there was residue on all of the carpets by the entrances. Manager Vaicaitis will look to see if there is a friendlier alternative.

A resident asked if legal action could be taken on those individuals who come and park illegally within the Crestwood parking lot. Chairman Rosenberg stated that this is a management issue that should be taken up with Manager Vaicaitis. The resident asked if tenants could put stickers that say “illegal parking” on those cars parked illegally in the lot on weekends when Manager Vaicaitis is off duty. Chairman Rosenberg replied that residents are not allowed to act and need to defer to building management.

A resident complained about the recycle bin being located in the hallway. The resident stated that it often gets filled up and flows over the sides and that it is an eyesore. The fire department inspector stated that because of the square footage for the trash room, there is not enough room to hold the recycle bin. Manager Vaicaitis will look into resolutions. There may be the possibility to get a second recycle bin. Another resident stated that sometimes the caregivers and others make a mistake and place garbage into the recycle bin.
A resident stated that the interior door in the A building is not working fast enough and that the door closer needs to be adjusted. Manager Vaicaitis will look into the matter, but it was noted that the doors need to stay open long enough to accommodate those tenants who utilize walkers.

A resident asked for more Senior Services meeting notification. Manager Vaicaitis will push out more notification. Meeting information will be placed on the calendar as well as on the door etc. Chairman Rosenberg shared that the 2nd Thursday of every other month, meetings alternate at Crestwood Place.

Adjourn
A motion was made and seconded adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. The motion passed. The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2019 at the Village Hall, Terrace Room.
/s/S. Anetsberger
Recorder