The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Bondy at 7:04pm in the Terrace Room at the Village Hall.

Commissioners present: Chairman Bruce Bondy, Sharon Moyer, Robert Sills, Eileen Loftus, Library Representative Madison Carroll, Jerry Block, Bonnie Siegel, Joan MacVay, Ernie Halperin, Marsha Schwartz, Michelle Gershkovich, Joei Shavitz, Christopher Laughlin, and Liaison Cheryl Fayne-dePersio

Commissioners Absent:

Chris Sheban, Al Alvarez, Chris Nibeck, and Karen Mahoney

Guests: Kittie Yohe, Marge Buss

MINUTES:
Chairman Bondy asked Commissioners to review the May 2, 2019 draft minutes for approval.

Commissioner Siegel motioned to approve the May 2, 2019 Regular Arts Commission minutes, seconded by Commissioner MacVay. All in favor and the motion passed.

Hear from the Audience –
Guests: Marge Buss expressed her interest in participating on the Arts Commission and her experience at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Commissioner Laughlin explained how to submit an application to join the commission.

Financial Report –
Liaison Fayne-dePersio reported there are still some transactions in process for the weekend Art Workshop. Waiting for the May statement, but as of April 30, 2019, our balance was $13,763.88. This week, staff is depositing the Village contribution of $10,000 as designated in the FY 2019/20 budget.
Discussion about purchase of badges for commissioner. 1.5” X 3” with Name and title for $10 each. Motion by Moyer for badges up to $300 for badges, seconded by Commissioner Sills, all in favor, motion passed.

**Plein Air Festival**

The 3rd Annual Plein Air Painting Festival will be held Sept. Thursday – Sunday, 26-29, with a one week exhibit the following week at the Village Green Center, which will provide for a variety of opportunity to invite various groups to view the art. Chairman Bondy outlined a smaller in scale event with less cost to the Arts Commission, and less artists.

Noted a smaller portion of the work will be retained. Chairman Bondy noted we don’t need to advertise for Plein Air Artists, as we may have enough since there are so many expressed interests. The more artists, the more people notice the event but then we may end up with too much art and it dilutes for each of the artist. The Commissioners talked about limiting pricing point of artwork for the event. There was a discussion about not trying to coordinate a Nocturne Night with the businesses this year, since there wasn’t much interest last year and it was time consuming to try to get involvement. There was an idea put forth of cycling artists in groups to paint in the Village Green for quick paints to see the artists painting.

Commissioner Gershkovich suggested to have a quick paint for free for students to participate.

October-November Artists in residences to feature the Plein Air Art offered by Commissioner Block.

It was noted that members should coordinate a Plein Air meeting with Village and Park District staff to coordinate and set up a Plein Air subcommittee.

Chairman Bondy indicated the costs would be less this year as we don’t need to budget for art display boards, since they were purchased last year.

We need to brainstorm more ways to get more buyers/attendees to our event.

**Northbrook Originals**

The 16th Annual Northbrook Originals exhibit was featured from April 11 to May 30 at the Northbrook Library. Commissioner Jerry Block stated all the artists picked up their artwork at the end of the show. It was quite a project to coordinate, as it took a lot of man hours by Commissioner Block. Great job kudos to Jerry.

**Village Gallery Exhibit – Village Board Room**

Daniel Schwartz - photography May- June.

**Artist in Residence – Northbrook Library**
Commissioner Moyer stated that Commissioner Block has 3-4 artists lined up for the June/July show. Commissioner Block hung the artwork with Commissioners Alvarez and Moyer – show runs to Aug 10.

The GBN Student Art Exhibit is scheduled for August 13 drop off – reception on August 20 or 21 so runs thru September.

Commissioner Block discussed idea for Artists in Residence featuring the Commissioners only at the Library, depending on number that would participate showing 4-6 pieces per artist. After discussion it was decided it doesn’t have the right optics to feature just commissioners.

The show is typically five artists showing about 4-6 pieces of work at a time.

Bondy indicated the Glenview Library hosted a Plein Air Art exhibit and there was discussion about negotiating with other libraries for shows.

Commissioner Block indicated about 1/3 of artist list has displayed in Northbrook, so there are variations of art mediums and Commissioner Laughlin said to repeat artists to show their new works if lacking Northbrook Artists.

Commissioner Laughlin is working on the e-news to send to artists and will solicit for local artists so we can expand our exhibiting artists to people who haven’t displayed in the “originals” show before. Commissioner Block will recruit Artists Herb Katz and Linda Goldman to show their art at the Library.

Guest Yohe thought the Park District students may like to have a show at the library. Laura Wassenger from the Park District would be a contact. Guest Yohe wanted to have the Commission use artists from other communities display at the Northbrook Library. Liaison Fayne indicated it would be a Library decision as there was a discussion in the past and she recalled the library prefers to host Northbrook artists. Commissioner Carroll will talk with the Northbrook Library Director about featuring art from artists who reside out of the Village.

Commissioner Block expressed the time trying to recruit Northbrook artists from the list of about 200 artists. He is set through September 2019.

**Artist Workshops 2019**

The next Northbrook workshop is by Artist Amery Bohling from Phoenix (June 8-9) who specializes in western landscapes (Grand Canyon). It was noted that there are already several registrations and more coming in (including three this week). The classes have been more profitable than anticipated. Registrants are two from Northbrook and others from the NW suburbs. There are nine in the workshop— four men and five women currently. A workshop of nine is a perfect size. Commissioner Loftus will have easels at the class for the participants. It was noted the Commissioner Moyer is hosting the artist for the weekend.

Michele Usibelli will be teaching a class next year in Northbrook; she was featured in the Plein Air magazine. Commissioner Siegel was complimented for her time coordinating the
workshops. Flyers at Library, in the Plein Air Magazine, Local art leagues, Village newsletter, so it was a way to promote Northbrook. Michelle Usibelli is already promoting the workshop on her website.

Commissioner explained the process and how the Park District helps coordinate the room and others help with logistics. One of the visiting artists is staying at the Sheraton, as they gave a special artist workshop rate. Discussion about covering costs for Commissioners who are hosting artists meals for the weekend, Commissioner Laughlin suggested the Art Commission cover up to $250 for two nights of dinners for Commissioners hosting the artist for dinner, Second MacVay. Commission thanked Commissioner Siegel for coordinating.

Bondy asked Siegel to prepare a budget for advertising next set of classes for Michelle Usibelli’s 2020 workshop.

**Northbrook Artist Studio Tour 2019**

Guest Kittie Yohe reported that so far, she has Saturday, November 9 from noon-4pm scheduled for the event. Guest Yohe explained the Studio tour to the guest in attendance. Last year 19 exhibited some in their own homes and others at the Leisure Center and the Village Green Center. Guest Yohe coordinated an informational meeting for artists interested in participating on Thursday, June 20 at 7pm at the Village Green Center. Liaison Fayne suggested mailing the invitation. Commissioner Laughlin utilizes the MailChimp email list for notifications to participating artists.

Guest Yohe discussed having a small deposit for the artists using the studio. Park district representative Loftus expressed the time and staffing of facilities is compromised if people drop out at the last moment, they are not looking to make money but looking to make a commitment. Guest Yohe mentioned the Village Green room available for up to six artists. Loftus felt we should evaluate whether or not to introduce a deposit. Chairman Bondy expressed idea of setting up the art walls as there were concerns about artists having a place to display their art. Chairman Bondy indicated since we purchased the panels, we should use them for the Studio Tour as well.

Commissioner MacVay liked the idea of the deposit for the commitment. Motion to make a refundable deposit $25 for studio tour. Commissioner Siegel motioned, Seconded by Commissioner Halperin, with the Park District covering Leisure Center Students. Motion passed.

**New Events/projects for 2019**

Architecture Tour project is still in the planning stages. Chairman Bondy is still considering the idea and spoke to the Architect who designed the Village Hall with a presentation to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Village Hall. Chairman Bondy said this would be a 2020 event. Will determine a travel budget and reception for the event. Liaison Fayne mentioned that the Village may partner with the Library to host a Chamber Business After Hours and the Arts Commission may be able to partner at the event.
**Other news**

Congratulations to Commissioner Gershkovich on graduating high school. She mentioned she promoted having another GBN student liaison to join the commission.

**Old Business**

Western Michigan Dance event was recapped. Chairman Bondy suggested doing a dance at the Leisure Center using the stage since he felt the library was maybe not the right venue for the event. Commissioner Loftus indicated the stage would have to be available.

Commissioner Gershkovich asked for the Commission to consider giving a $1,000 to the Glenbrook North Student Art Scholarship, with the award selection. Park district representative Loftus questioned who would be vetting the recipient. Commissioner Gershkovich explained the Arts Commission could decide how it is awarded. It would include visual arts. Guest Yohe explained how some of the scholarships are from an endowment, so it's continually funded. Liaison Fayne-dePersio indicated the Commission shouldn’t pass through our Village funds, as the Board of Trustees already provides various contributions.

Commissioner Block inquired about website, which needs to be updated. Chairman Bondy expressed his desire to assign responsibility to Commissioner Niebek.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner MacVay moved, seconded by Commissioner Block, to adjourn the meeting, all were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by

/s/ Cheryl Fayne-dePersio