

Minutes of Senior Services Commission Meeting of April 1, 2026 – Council Chambers

CALL To ORDER:

The Tinley Park Senior Services Commission meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Chairman Bob Hayes.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Bob Hayes, Chairman
Andy Ashmus
Lisa Butler
Estelle Campos
Celeste Figliulo
Renee Galvin
Vicki Hayes
Elizabeth Wyllie
Denise Maly-Politano, Commission Secretary
Roxane Tyssen, Senior Center Administrator
Trustee William Brady
Lisa Valley, Executive Assistant
Mayor Michael Glotz
Nancy O'Connor, Clerk
Absent: Sam Avalos

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Bob Hayes declared the Agenda approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion made by **Estelle Campos**, seconded by **Celeste Figliulo**, to approve the March 4, 2026, minutes of the Senior Services Commission meeting.

REPORTS:

Senior Center Updates and Reports (Roxane Tyssen)

A. Financial Report:

Senior Center Administrator **Roxane Tyssen** stated we will be probably be just over in a couple of categories but not as much as she originally thought. After the March lunch, Gatto's was very quick about giving us the cost. We have about \$1,600.00 left and probably around another \$1,000.00 for the April lunch. We will be close. Next year will not be that problematic because we will not be doing restaurants.

B. Membership

Senior Center Administrator **Roxane Tyssen** reported membership looking good. A new member joined today. She is legally blind so she will need some help if she attends Bingo. Roxane advised her about the senior bus, Bremen Township drivers and other activities available to seniors. We are holding around 475-477 members. Most that have been dropping have done so due to moving.

Yahtzee and Bingo have been popular. Looking into having some guest speakers. Would like to have Pathlights back again to go over what they offer because some of their programs have changed. Pathlights is pushing their new initiatives and information on senior housing. Would like to get some department heads to speak and possibly the mayor. If anyone knows about organizations that have activities for seniors let her know and she can look into it. If you have any other ideas for seniors let her know.

NEW BUSINESS

Senior Day Trip

Lisa Butler stated we are going to Nelis' Tulip Time in Holland, Michigan on Wednesday, May 6th. We will meet at 7:30 a.m., bus leaves at 8:00 a.m. and we will return around 5:00 p.m. It is \$80.00 per person and it includes residents and nonresidents. Includes round trip travel on a coach bus and a \$15.00 meal voucher.

Roxanne Tyssen said we will also provide snacks and water along with some games on the bus. We will also have donuts and coffee at the senior center before we leave. We may have to cancel the May commission meeting because the trip falls on the same day.

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS:

N/A

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chair Bob Hayes stated the clerk's office wants to know if current commissioners want to remain on the commission. Need to know by May 1st. He will assume you will remain unless you let him know.

Chair Bob Hayes commented that the supper club was wonderful.

Roxanne Tyssen heard some complaints about the food – not enough food, had to wait for food, had to ask for refills. Disappointed in the service.

Lisa Butler said lots of the ladies were line dancing at the supper club.

Andy Ashmus thinks people would like to see Eddie Karosa back at Oktoberfest.

Roxanne Tyssen explained problems with sound at St. Stephens for entertainment.

Lisa Valley said feedback we received about Oktoberfest was favorable for no entertainment.

Mayor Glotz stated we were way under the number of attendees. A small portion of running out of food was ignorance with people taking too many pieces of chicken and seconds before some people were not even served first. Have to make sure that no one is grabbing seconds until everyone is served first. Have to speak with Daniel Fitzgerald when he comes back from vacation.

Mayor Glotz asked how we had come up with 6:00 a.m. for RSVP to the luncheon. Not saying it is wrong but you are limiting it to the pocket of people who either stay up late or get up early. What if we pushed it to 10 a.m. to give more people a chance to respond. Try to come up with a time when everyone would be available. Or push the time to evening when more people would be available. We want it to be equal because we are excluding 60% of the members who are not able to call in that early.

Lisa Valley stated we had this discussion last month. It has already been posted and advertised for 6:00 a.m.

Mayor Glotz then advertise it is becoming an issue and it will take effect August 1st. Need to create an exit plan. If we are switching then you give 5-6 months heads up.

Roxanne Tyssen stated the commission decided to have a wait list and the first 25 have the right of first refusal. That was our way of trying to compensate that if you didn't get into the one month, you had a chance the next month. There is just no fair way to do this. We do not have the space for everyone.

Lisa Valley explained all the people that were wait listed have a chance for the next one.

Mayor Glotz asked how many volunteers we have for the Tuesday before for set up.

Renee Galvin asked why we have to set up on Tuesday. It only takes about 20 minutes to set up. We can set up early on Wednesday before the luncheon begins.

Mayor Glotz asked how many volunteers not commissioners help set up.

Roxanne Tyssen responded we always set up the day before when the luncheon was at the Senior Center.

Lisa Valley stated someone needs to arrive at 10:00 a.m. to start the coffee pots. **Celeste Figliulo** thinks the commission is enough for set up or have the volunteers come early on Wednesday to help with set up.

Mayor Glotz stated the volunteers need to be here at 10:00 a.m. to help with set up. If this does not work then we can go back to the original set up.

Lisa Valley agreed and said let's try it and see how it works.

Roxanne Tyssen did not realize the volunteers and commissioners were coming. **Chair Bob Hayes** asked for a motion to come and set up on Wednesday morning. Motion made by Celeste, seconded by Rene. All in favor. Volunteers will be here at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8th for trial run.

[The following changes were decided upon at the Senior Services Commission meeting regarding volunteers for the luncheon:

- We are discontinuing setting up the day before, all set up will be the morning of the luncheon.
- You will be contacted around the 22nd (plus or minus a day or two, depending on the day of the week the 24th falls upon, it has to be a day that we are open) of the month to see if you are available to volunteer for set up for the next luncheon.
- If you are available for set up, you **MUST BE AT THE KALLSEN CENTER AT 10 A.M.** Running a minute or two late is acceptable, anything after that, you will forfeit your pre-reserved seat. **IF your seat is forfeited, but you still called or emailed on the 24th, and have a CONFIRMED reservation, you will still have a seat for the luncheon (you can then arrive at or after 11:30 a.m.).**

- Basically, what was decided is that if you are late for the set-up **and** do not have a confirmed reservation, you will not be able to attend the luncheon.]

RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments. No public.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by **Estelle Campos**, seconded by **Celeste Figliulo**. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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