

Dupage Township – 241 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook, IL 60440

Dupage Township Senior Committee Minutes of February 4, 2020 Meeting

- I. Call to Order: the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Al Legitino
- II. Pledge of Allegiance - said by all present
- III. Roll Call (the following were in attendance) Al Legitino, Jimmie Hargrove, Ocie Koonce, Kathy Wayne, Christine Betschel, Lurine Hild, Rita Armstrong, Maripat Oliver, Diane Itell, Felix George
- IV. Approval of Agenda – Motion – Maripat Oliver 2nd-Diane Itell
- V. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from the January 7, 2020 meeting were not available due to an unforeseen emergency of the committee secretary.
- VI. Reports
 - a. Chairperson’s report: None
 - b. Trustee Liaison’s report: Trustee Maripat Oliver had nothing to go over and no new report.

1. Update on Attorney General Complaint #60758. Trustee Oliver handed out copies to all members and guest present which showed the response from the Office of the Attorney General regarding the allegations brought forth by Ms. Alyssia Benford against the Dupage Senior Committee stating that the committee did not comply with OMA because they did not identify members who attended the meetings, which cost the Township tax-payers \$1,200.00. Also included in the copies were emails where Ms. Benford requested the Attorney General’s office to reopen her request for review after there was a decision to close the file by said office. Additional emails included indicated that Ms. Benford cost the Township tax-payers an additional \$1,200.00 for allegations she brought against the Dupage Township Youth Committee.

Some of the Senior Committee members (Diane Itell, Kathy Wayne and Lurine Hild) attended the Dupage Township Board Meeting with the purpose of confronting Ms. Benford regarding her accusations of the Senior Committee’s non-compliance and for her insistence in requesting the Attorney General reopen the file after they already closed the file, unfortunately, Ms. Alyssia Benford chose did not attend that meeting.

Introduction of a guest – Ron Doweidt

- VII. Old Business
 - a. Lunch N Learn on Internet Safety for Older Americans has been moved from February to March 3, 2020.

- b. Review all Bi-laws for clubs housed at the Levy Center. Bi-Laws were still missing from the Bolingbrook Senior Club and the Levy Lovely Ladies (LLL). Rita said she would send over a copy of the LLL bi-laws and would notify Judy Bredeweg and ask that she give a copy to Maureen Fox.
- c. 2020 Action Plan – Suggestions were submitted by the Bolingbrook Senior Club. They included the following: Speakers to cover information on caregiving and how to cope, which might include a social workers from Will County, the hospital and/or local police and fire departments. Having a representative from the Secretary of State come out to discuss what's needed for the "Real I.D." with the possibility of allowing us to submit them at the Levy Center. People wanted more day and weekend trips. There was interest in the following: Mackinaw Island, Alaskan Cruise, Mo-Town Cruise, New Mexico Balloon Fest, Kentucky Derby, Indy 500, Green Bay/Casino, Maine, Nantucket, Cape Cod, and Scotland. Restaurant and other interests: Watson's B-B-Q, Red Apple, Grand Duke Restaurant, Lawry's Prime Rib/downtown, Downers Delight Restaurant in Westmont, day trip to Greek Town, China Town, Lake Geneva paddle-boat cruise with lunch, White Pines Theater in Oregon, IL. and Pride of Oregon. There was also a request to have the lunch-bunch and Levy outings moved back to Thursday's. The suggestion box will continue to be available, with the focus now on "Speakers and Topics" which the seniors might be interested in.

VIII. New Business

- a. Resource Fair has been scheduled for May 20, 2020 and will include Jessie White Secretary of State along with several other senior resources. A flyer will be out next month with additional information.

IX. Public Comments – Ron Doweidt, Financial Advisor and Candidate for House Republican introduced himself and gave us his views on balancing the budget. His campaign materials will be available by the end of the month but would currently respond through Facebook. He plans to attend all Dupage Township and Committee Meetings going forward.

X. Members Comments- Felix George said that the Township will be having a Senior Picnic this year sometime in July, and reminded that the Township offers emergency and general assistance. Rita Armstrong commented on the change from "Dinner and a Movie" to "Dinner and Games" which was just announced.

XI. Adjournment - Motion by Christine Betschel 2nd Lurine Hild.

Respectfully submitted by Rita Armstrong