

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON AGING MINUTES
Monday, May 12, 2008**

Suzanne Bruner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Edie Webb, Harold Matthews, Suzanne Bruner, Alderman Paul Neumyer and Catherine Kiener, Director. Excused: JoAnn Stade

Guests: Harold Johnson, Mike Ehrlich, Chris Halbig-Ziem, and Paul Ehrlich

Mrs. Bruner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Introductions were made. The agenda was adapted to move New Business first.

5. New Business

Mike Ehrlich distributed copies of the report and reviewed location, functionality, and cost. An addition to the present building would allow for an elevator and provide increased flexible program space. The concession would be the outdoor space, limited future growth, and not quite a space for 150 people. The exercise spaces may be limited.

An expansion on the coal dock with a community center would provide some savings as there would be shared spaces, shared utilities with some energy efficiencies, and with other community groups renting space there could be income potential. Mr. Mike Ehrlich reviewed the concept idea with drawings. A main entry would be 3 stories high to provide for circular view. The seniors would have an area that would still provide the sense of identity. The entry would be close to parking. Shared spaces would be efficiencies in the plan such as walking track, cardio rooms, large gathering space, and more.

Mike stated the pros and cons of the present location are downtown, short on parking, bus drop off & pick up is difficult, no space for wellness/fitness programs. On the coal dock, more parking, one level, space for indoor & outdoor fitness such as life trail, the lake winds which can be buffered with plantings, and a bit separate from downtown. He asked how many members walk versus drive to the center. If more drive then the location does not impact as much as it would if majority of participants walked to the center. Another benefit is the ability to work with a clean slate for the design.

In the current location, an expansion would also cause weeks of downtime when programs and events could not happen. A new design would be the most functional.

Cost & income review begin on page 19 of the study. The Riviera in Lake Geneva was used for some comparison. Contractors reviewed the ideas to give pricing.

1. Mr. Matthews moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Webb. Motion carried.

2. Alderman Neumyer moved to accept bills to be paid by the City with a second from Mrs. Webb. The only comment was the gas utility bill was closer to normal. Motion carried.

3. Mrs. Webb moved to accept the Senior Center Financial summary and Mr. Matthews seconded the motion. Discussion was on the recognition the Director, Mrs. Kiener received from the Midwest Symposium on Therapeutic Recreation in Lake Geneva. Mrs.

Webb offered congratulations and spoke on being in attendance. She encouraged the Director to follow up on newspaper recognition.

4. Old Business

A. The horseshoe court project – Alderman Neumyer indicated the contact at the high school would be Jan Krueger, Physical Education teacher. Some members have strong feelings on financing of the court improvement. The project will probably be a partnership with donors.

6. Director's Report

A. Senior Center Board Nominations were returned with several people changing their minds leaving one seat open for the ballots which will be filled from the write-in candidates.

B. April/May Events

1. Trip review of Body Worlds was it was a great trip, could have done without Sprecher tour. Brewers games filled.

2. Lakeside Tea Society – The author of Tea with Jane Austen is coming in June will be joint with the Friday Book Talk group.

3. Spring Fling is May 15. Please attend if possible.

C. Director's Comments

1. Strategic Plan – done with the presentation by Mike Ehrlich

2. Recognition received at Midwest Symposium for efforts coordinating the State Hospitality room for over 20 years.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.