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**SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION
MINUTES OF November 18, 2025 MEETING**

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CALL TO ORDER:

Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Commission Members:

Present: Catherine Dumke, Karen Everham, Marianne Langlois, Karen McLeod, Kevin Quasarano, Pamela Solomon, Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone (The Helm), Ron Wehrmann, and Don Witt, constituting a quorum.

Absent: none

Nancy Ochs, GPW Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant & Event Programmer, Owen Gafa, GPW Director of Parks and Recreation, and City Council Representative Vicki Granger were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Marianne Langlois, seconded by Pamela Solomon, to approve the minutes of the Senior Citizens' Commission meeting held on September 17, 2025. Said motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Holiday Social, Friday, December 5, 2025

A general discussion followed regarding this Commission's participation in the Holliday Social, resulting in the following motions.

Nancy Ochs updated the Commission regarding the menu and entertainment (North High School Choir) for the event, opening remarks by Mayor Bryant; and Director Kosanke's short presentation regarding holiday scams. There was a general discussion regarding identification of tables, chart showing table locations, location of raffle item tables, and list of raffle items at each table. Nancy Ochs requested that, on the day of the event, Commission members arrive by 12:00 PM to help with set up and registration.

NEW BUSINESS

The date for the Ice Cream Social for 2026 in Friday, May 15, 2026, at 1:00 PM. When planning for this event, it should be noted that, at the picnic, the size of the ice cream cups from Wally's would not allow room for any toppings. This Commission's meeting following the Ice Cream Social event will be scheduled for 2:30 PM.

Marianne Langlois raised the question of who is responsible for collection of the leaves accumulating in front of the business properties along Mack. She frequently walks the area and is concerned, not only for general appearance of the properties, but for safe walking for herself and others, particularly seniors.

She also had questions about the water and lead mailing residents recently received from the City. It was agreed that the content of the notice might be difficult for residents to understand. Vicki Granger said she would consult with City officials to see if they could provide more clarification on the matter in a more concise form residents might find easier to understand.

A discussion was then had regarding the five Commission members with terms expiring December 31, 2025, and if they wished to be reappointed, and whose reappointments will then be brought to Council for approval.

All five, Heidi Uhlig-Johnstone, Ronald Wehrmann, Catherine Dumke, Karen McLeod, and Donald Witt, indicated their desire to seek reappointment to this Commission.

Vicki Granger presented an update on the Active Adult Commission.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ron Wehrmann explained to the Commission the delay in presenting a written report necessitated by the need for the GPW Treasurer to adjust certain income and expense items relative to the Seniors' picnic in September.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Karen McLeod, seconded by Ron Wehrmann, that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

The next meeting of this Commission will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 4:00 PM, at Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center-Community Center – Lake Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Dumke, Secretary

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