



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHEELING SENIOR COMMISSION
Minutes**

**THURSDAY, July 1, 2021 @ 10:00 A.M. WHEELING VILLAGE HALL
Scanlon Conference Room 2 Community Blvd., Wheeling**

1-Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:00am

2-Roll Call: Commissioner Kohen, Chairperson Kaplan, Commissioner Marabella, Commissioner Portnoy, and Commissioner Vollriede. Staff Liaison Shari Huizar also present.

3-Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Kohen motioned/Chairperson Kaplan 2nd. Approved with changes to the date from July 1, 2020 to August 5, 2021 for next meeting.

4-Citizens' Comments and Concerns: NONE

Municipal Code 2.03.060 Subjects of Orders of Business Citizen Concerns and Comments. Members of the public may address the committee with comments regarding only those items that are relevant to village business. Issues relevant to Village business are defined to mean information about Village events; issues that the public body has the authority to address; items listed on the agenda; and items or issues previously voted on by the Village Board or that the Village Board has the authority to consider or vote on in the future. No citizen shall speak for more than five minutes without consent of the committee. The village president shall strictly restrain comments and questions to matters that are relevant to village business and shall not permit repetitious comments or arguments. Members of the general public who wish to address the board must sign the request to speak form prior to the commencement of the public meeting.

5-Chairman's Report: Chairman Kaplan related that he would like to get more people involved in the programming. Discussion focused on the lack of activities at the Park District for Seniors and how the commission would like to see more. There was also discussion about how the pandemic is still present and that may contribute to less participation.

6-Senior Services Report: Liaison Huizar discussed the opening of in-person dining. Conversation about what may be keeping people out of the indoor dining such as the pandemic, the current need to wear masks, the service all disposable, etc.

7-Recreation/Program Services Report: Liaison Huizar did not notify Park District of the beginning of the Senior Commission meetings.

8-Old Business: None

9-New Business: There was a question about the Snow Removal program and if that were going to run again this year. Liaison Huizar related that the use of volunteers became very complicated as the residents were unwilling to wait the 24 hours necessary for volunteers to respond. A suggestion that information regarding services available should be prepared for distribution.

Liaison Huizar spoke about Dementia Friendly Illinois and how to become Dementia Friendly Wheeling. Liaison Huizar discussed the need for a collaboration of local

government, the commercial and business sectors, the educational institutions, and the families where loved ones have dementia as well. Commissioner Kohen asked for more information on dementia. Liaison Huizar discussed planning a short basic training on dementia for the next meeting. All commissioners supported that idea.

10- Announcements – Next meeting will be Thursday, September 9, 2021.

11-Adjournment: at 10:38am Motion Commissioner Marabella, 2nd Commissioner Kohen.

Minutes submitted by Liaison Shari Huizar