



OLDER ADULT SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

CITY OF NOVI

ELECTRONIC MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 – 6 P.M.

248.347.0400

1. Welcome – Introductions:

Dr. Joslen Letscher, Michael Longo, Mary Storch,
Sandy Fisher (OAS Social Services coordinator,) Jeff Muck (PRCS Director)

2. COVID 19 Update:

An overview of the operations of PRCS/OAS during the Stay at Home order included: Staff worked remotely. Green spaces, trails and dog park remained open. Playgrounds were shut down for a time by Oakland County. Pavilion rentals were suspended, bathrooms and tennis courts closed as well as the Civic Center and Ice Arena. Meadowbrook Commons allowed essential visitors only. Construction was suspended for 6 weeks. OAS Transportation reduced to medical trips only. 2 Full Time and 3 Part Time staff were layed off due to budget concerns. Most facilities have re-opened but senior programming remains limited.

3. Parks Projects Update:

Updates were given on Lakeshore Park, Wildlife Woods Pickle ball court construction, Novi Water Tower restoration and the Tim Pope playground re-dedication.

4. OAS/PRCS Programs, Events and Services Update

Information on Loan Closet, Ask the Expert, TFAB, Meals on Wheels, Medicare Consultations, Veterans Day, Light up the Night and Tree Socks at Meadowbrook Commons was given.

5. Aging in Place Discussion/ City Council Goal

The Board and Staff discussed: Current City programs and initiatives that support the goal. Communication with family members who support seniors. Making sure needs are met for entire City not just virtual programming. Made recommendations on improving the City's website search function. Potential changes to Engage pages with Aging in Place services. Meadowbrook Commons website and resident portal enhancements.

6. Roundtable:

The Board was glad to be meeting again and looking forward to more robust discussions in future. Also discussed need to add more members.

7. ADJOURNMENT: 7:15pm

2020 Schedule:

October 20

December 15