

Village of Niles  
Human Services Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2022

The following Human Services Committee members were in attendance: Committee Chair Trustee John Jekot, Family Services Director Darren Brown, Teen Center Program Coordinator Michael Trevino, Senior Center Director Kelly Mickle, and Community Member Jaclyn Jaime, Deputy Village Manager Kathy Thake, Executive Secretary Margaret Keating

Absent: Acting Fitness Center Director Linda Mathis

**I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:34 am via Zoom by Committee Chair Trustee John Jekot.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Kelly Mickle made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2022 seconded by Darren Brown. On voice vote all approved.

**III. Old Business - None reported**

**IV. New Business**

- A. Department Updates (reports attached, provided by Department Head)
- i. Fitness Center - see attached report
  - ii. Senior Center - see attached report
  - iii. Family Services - see attached report
    - a. Teen Center - see attached report

**V. Open Discussion/Public Comment - None**

**VI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mike Trevino and seconded by Jacklyn Jaime, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.

Next meeting scheduled for October 12, 2022 at 4:15pm  
Minutes Drafted by Darren Brown, Family Services Director

## Fitness Center Report - August 10, 2022

- \* The walls of the 1st floor lobby area were painted in preparation for the art galley
- \* Camp is wrapping up this week. We had the highest number of campers this year.
- \* Learn to swim registration for the fall session started last week. Spots are still available. Session begins September 7th.
- \* The pool will be closed August 29-Sept 5 for its' annual cleaning. Contractors are scheduled to acid wash the pool, power wash the deck and wax the slide. Staff is looking for quotes for a tile contractor to replace tiles along the drain trenches on the pool deck.
- \* August 15-21 Centennial Community Center in Park Ridge will be having their annual pool closing. The Fitness Center and Centennial have a reciprocal agreement to use each others facility while their pools are closed.
- \* Fitness classes continue to see more participants each week.
- \* 4 letters on the neon sign in front of the building were replaced.
- \* PW removed outside benches to repair rust. Hoping to get them back soon.

## Senior Center Report - August 10, 2022

- The parking lot is being resurfaced and will be closed to the public Thursday, August 11 - 18.
- Last Call Before Fall Art and Music Fest - Saturday, September 10 - 2-7pm
- Oak Point University students are returning Mondays and Tuesdays, September 6-October 25
- The Flu Shot Clinic is scheduled for Friday, September 16. A COVID booster clinic will be scheduled as soon as the vaccine is available
- Meals on Wheels NEI is hopeful the congregate dining site will open in early fall. Meals will be offered 5 days a week.
- The NSC has welcomed over 200 new members since January

## NFS Updates 8/10/2022 Human Services Meeting

1. Family Services participated in the past week both with the Police Department's Walk N' Roll event and Culver School's Student Registration. Tables were set up at both events. The department is also coordinating school supplies and backpacks for members of the community that need it for the upcoming school year. There will be no drive event this year due to staffing challenges.
2. Engage campaign continues to be successful in bringing awareness to recovery and addiction resources in the community. Currently there are over 150 participants a week in recovery groups hosted by the Village and Family Services, and more in the works.
3. September is Recovery Awareness Month, and the Family Services department hopes to continue to draw attention to the support services offered in the community.
4. Family Services continues to face a staffing challenges. Operations and revenues are being impacted.

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## Teen Center Report

### Events

- The Teen Center had 25 students and parents walk in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and participate in the Park District Family Fest at Greenan Heights Park
- Teen Center had two community events at Culver Field and Golf Mill Park and saw over 130 in attendance between both events.
- The Teen Center in a collaborative effort with the Senior Center had a billiards and Wii bowling tournament at the Senior Center. There were over 25 in attendance that gathered for this fun intergenerational event. The Seniors won Wii Bowling while the teens won Billiards.

### Attendance

- During June and July the Teen Center saw 817 check-ins to the TC
- 37 first time guests.
- Averaged 22 students a day. The highest single day attendance was 41 students.

### New Location for Teen Center

- The Teen Center along with the Economic Director are negotiating terms for a Milwaukee Ave future Teen Center home due to Golf Mill Mall redeveloping.
- The Niles Family Service and the Teen Center have advanced to the final stages for a state funded grant that would help assist with costs of the Teen Center relocation.