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**Commission on Inclusion
Minutes of January 24, 2023 Meeting
Stow City Hall
Boards and Commissions Room
5:15pm**

Members Present: Tricia Streharsky, Chairperson
Jason Dresden, Vice Chairperson
Bruce Bach
Jason Gates
Pamela Hunt
Michael Lamboy
Dr. Pamela Wind

Others Present: Mayor John Pribonic

Members Absent: Elizabeth Kinsella
Jennifer McCormick

Others absent Gail Koritansky, Director of SMFPL

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 pm in the Boards and Commission Room at Stow City Hall.

Review and Approve minutes from the November 16, 2022 meeting

Jason Dresden made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2022 meeting, and Pamela Wind seconded the motion, upon voice vote the motion passed.

Stow Munroe Falls Public Library

No update was given as a representative was unable to attend

Mayor John Pribonic

Swearing In

Mayor John Pribonic swore in both Jason Dresden and Pamela Wind to renew their place on the Commission.

Connect with the seniors in Nursing Homes

Mayor Pribonic mentioned that he would like to see the Stow Senior Commission and Mental Health Coalition along with the Commission on Inclusion to connect with seniors that are in nursing facilities here in Stow.

Mike Lamboy mentioned that the high school students just started a board game club and that would be a good group to get out to the nursing homes and play games with the seniors.

There are many organizations at the school that would be great for the seniors to interact with

Residents in need of equipment i.e., wheelchairs, scooters, crutches, walkers

Mike stated that there are many people that need walkers, crutches, scooters and what not and can't afford to purchase them.

Mayor stated that there is a lot of equipment over at Stow Glen that possibly could be donated to the community.

Pamela Hunt asked if we had a loaner closet or if there is one in Summit County for free equipment to those in need.

Teresa will contact the Area Agency on Aging and the Community Action Organization of Summit County to see if there are any loaner closets.

Teresa will contact Senior Commission Secretary Deanna Milhaus to get a list of activity directors at the local nursing homes.

Business and Community Expo March 11, 2023

The Commission discussed and decided they would like to partake in the Business and Community Expo on March 11, 2023 at the High School.

Pamela Wind will send out an email for volunteer sign ups to man the table from 10am-5pm.

Teresa expressed that the table must be staffed the whole day.

Commission to discuss what the upcoming year will look like with activities and projects.

The Commission discussed the upcoming year of 2023 and would like to put our tag lines to use

Access, Include, Connect and Belong

Jason Dresden stated that we will be using connect as part of helping the seniors in the nursing home residents.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 5:15 pm** in the Boards and Commissions Room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

