CITY OF MAYFIELD HEIGHTS
COMMISSION ON AGING
January 5, 2016

Mayor Anthony DiCicco administered the Oath of Office to re-appointed members Mrs. Stofan and Mrs. Zimmer. Their terms of office are effective January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2017. Congratulations were extended to these members.

The monthly meeting of the Commission on Aging was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mayor DiCicco.

ROLL CALL: Present: Ms. Grida, Mrs. Fratantonio, Mr. Kelbel, Mrs. Rist, Mrs. Stofan, and Mrs. Zimmer
Absent: None

Also present were Mayor Anthony DiCicco, Council President Gayle Teresi, CPA Executive Director Stacey O'Brien and Renee Augustine, Secretary.

Mayor DiCicco entertained nominations for Chairperson. Mrs. Zimmer nominated Mrs. Stofan, seconded by Ms. Grida. Mrs. Stofan accepted the nomination. All in favor; motion carried. Mayor DiCicco asked if there were any further nominations. As there were no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Mrs. Stofan is the 2016 Chairperson of the Commission on Aging.

Mayor DiCicco entertained nominations for Vice Chairperson. Mrs. Stofan nominated Mrs. Zimmer, seconded by Mrs. Rist. Mrs. Zimmer accepted the nomination. All in favor; motion carried. Mayor DiCicco asked if there were any further nominations. Being there were no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Mrs. Zimmer is the 2016 Vice Chairperson of the Commission on Aging.

Mayor DiCicco turned the meeting over to Mrs. Stofan.

Mrs. Zimmer moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Ms. Grida. All in favor; motion carried. Minutes approved.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS None.

REPORT OF MAYOR

Mayor DiCicco congratulated the reappointed members and thanked them for their service. He wished all a Happy New Year.

Introductory post cards from Kimble Companies were sent to all residents. They are our new refuse and recycling contractor. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, at 7:00 pm at the DeJohn Community Center so that residents can meet our new contractor, hear about the new receptacles and learn about the return of the curbside recycling program.

Information about NOPEC gas and electric aggregation will be distributed soon.

The State of the City edition of the City Focus will be out at the end of the month.

Claire Groudle is retiring from the building department at the end of the month after nearly 15 years of service. A qualified candidate with experience from another municipality has been selected to fill that position and will begin work on January 21.

K9 Officer Duke passed away last month. He retired last year and was living with his handler Patrolman Mele and his family. Duke's 8 years of service and work as a good will ambassador was appreciated.

The Commission on Aging has served the older adults of our community with distinction since its inception. The mission of the commission has been reduced over the years due to our association with Community Partnership on Aging. CPA provides unparalleled service, programs, and events for our older adults. They continue to meet and exceed all expectations. A quick review of the duties and responsibilities of the commission as outlined in the establishing Ordinance of this commission highlights the fact that CPA is handling all but the Senior Dances. For that reason, the law director has been asked to draft legislation to reorganize the Commission on Aging. The legislation will be voted upon at the next meeting of City Council. It is imperative that we maintain contact with those who are interested and committed to serving our community in some capacity. Options for participation available to you will be Mayors Community Council and an Older Adult Subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Details of the subcommittee are being worked out now and will be forwarded to you. This action in no way negates the loyal and dedicated service of all of the past and present members of the commission. A vital service to our community was provided by those members when it was needed. Mayfield Heights will remain forever enriched by this commission.

Mrs. Stofan thanked Mayor DiCicco for the kind comments about the Commission on Aging and agreed that CPA is doing a fantastic job of serving the older adults of the community.

REPORT OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Council President Gayle Teresi wished all a Happy New Year.

The December 28, 2015, City Council meeting was cancelled. The last meeting was held on December 14, 2015. Four Resolutions were passed relating to employee health, prescription drug, dental and vision coverage. Memorandums of Understanding with three of the labor unions pertaining to healthcare coverage were adopted. Financial housekeeping related to municipal income tax was undertaken. A Motion to sell a 15-year old rescue squad was approved.

Council Members Nino Monaco and Paul Sciria will not return to City Council in 2016. Senator Yuko presented them with a Resolution recognizing their service. Their individual contributions to City Council and the community will be missed. Mrs. Finney and Mrs. Snider will attend the January 6, 2016, organizational meeting of City Council as they begin their new terms.

REPORT OF CPA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Stacey O'Brien said that CPA was able to donate food and gift cards made possible by the fundraising efforts of the South Euclid Commission on Aging. Donations were delivered to nearly 25 homes. Appreciation was extended to Mr. Ward and Mr. Fornaro who delivered to CPA excess food from their drive. CPA will distribute the three month supply of canned goods to their clients as part of existing food programs.

There were no changes in the STC renewal contract. This was probably a result of service delivery issues that caused disruption in service. The future goal is to have a regionally consistent contract with all communities served by STC.

CPA is drafting their copy for the upcoming City Focus. Mrs. Stofan asked if an ad could be included for Hillcrest Meals on Wheels.

The trip open house will be held on January 20, from 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm at the Lyndhurst Community Center.

An Advisory Board is taking over for the CPA Commission on Aging. The new members will attend the March meeting.

Ms. Grida said there are two AARP driving classes scheduled at the DeJohn Community Center. The first of those will be held in April. Details to be announced at a later date.

Health talk has been poorly attended. Work is being done to find an alternative to these presentations. All ideas are welcome.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dance Report: Mrs. Rist reported that there were 54 attendees at the December dance. Two hundred and fifty-nine dollars was deposited with the finance department. Many compliments were received on the disc jockey. Mrs. Stofan said there were great prizes and delicious refreshments. Mayor DiCicco mentioned that the Parks and Recreation Department resources can be used for future dances. Mrs. Rist has all dance documents and information to pass along to whomever will be handling them in the future. Mayor DiCicco said the details of the Parks and Recreation Commission subcommittee are being decided.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT: None

HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE REPORT: None.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Council Member Susan Sabetta wished all a Happy New Year.

Earlyn Thompson McComb commented on the disruptions in service with STC. A member of the pinochle group cannot stay because there is no later transportation provided. Mrs. O'Brien advised that STC returned the new software and reverted back to their former system so service delivery issues should be resolved. There is transportation available for the pinochle member, but prior notice must be given to STC to make those arrangements.

OLD BUSINESS Mayor DiCicco asked the members to share ideas on how they would like to remain involved and encouraged them to continue to act as activists for older adults in the community. Mr. Kelbel is concerned that it will appear as though the older adults are being abandoned if this commission is dissolved. Older adult events provided by the recreation department can be transferred to this commission. Mayor DiCicco said this commission does not have the resources available to handle these events. Mr. Kelbel suggested allotting similar resources to the Commission on Aging. Mayor DiCicco explained that Parks and Recreation is a city department and that such resources are not provided to any board or commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission assists the department at events. Mrs. Stofan said that Parks and Recreation and CPA provide comprehensive program, services and events for older adults in our community. Mrs. Zimmer added that the city is paying CPA to provide these services. Mrs. Teresi asked what other communities do with regard to Commissions on Aging. Mrs. O'Brien said all of their commissions were established in the 1970s and 1980s. Lyndhurst has no functioning commission, Mayfield Village has a commission that works with the recreation department, Highland Heights has a commission that holds two events per year and South Euclid has a commission focused solely on fundraising for CPA.

NEW BUSINESS None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Renee C. Augustine, Secretary

APPROVED:

Judy Stofan, Chairperson

The next meeting of the Commission on Aging will be February 2, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.