

Human Services Commission Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, June 28, 2016

Attendance:

Commissioners: Bob Galan, Ed Horne, Yvonne Senturia, and Dick Sallick

Absent: Laura Fishman, Pete Powell, and Kristin LaFleur

Staff: Barbara Butler, Sarah Heath, and Sue Pfister

Minutes:

The Minutes of May10, 2016 were approved.

Guest:

Bill Harmer, Westport Library Director

Bill noted that he was born and raised in northern Michigan and was most recently Director of Chelsea District Library which he built into an award-winning institution. He has been in his new role in Westport for nearly a year and noted that he sees civic and community leadership as part of the role of a library director. He described the wide array of services he envisions and communicated the enthusiasm he brings to his role as well his respect for what has already been established. He described progress in plans for the major renovation project to be completed in the fall of 2019 which will have an area to function as a community center for activities and programs as well as quiet area for book space and reading services.

Reports:

CSA Enhancement Committee

On Wednesday July 6 at 8:00PM the appropriation request for funding for schematic design will be presented to the Board of Finance. Attendance is important.

Commission on People with Disabilities

The RTM second reading of the Ordinance Establishing the Commission will be read on Tuesday, July 5 at 7:30PM. The Commission will function as part of DHS and will focus on an 18-60 age population.

Department Report:

Campership Program Patty reported that scholarship aid has been provided for 107 kids from 65 households.

Student Outreach Counselor Program Ed has been working in the Department office since April extending available social work hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Dick Sallick, Human Services Commission member