Homer Community Festival Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on January 21, 2020

Village of Homer Glen
14240 W. 151st Street
Community Room
1. **Call to Order**  
The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Trustee Gray.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Roll Call; Establish Quorum**

   Members present at 6:00 p.m. were Trustee Keith Gray, Carlo Caprio, Mike De Vivo, Tony Drabik, Todd Fonfara, Ed Kalas, Chris Locaci, Sue Steilen, and Debbie Stevens.

   Absent: Sara Rudnik.

   Also Present: Dave Bricker, Facilities Manager John Robinson, and Paul McGary.

4. **Approval of Amendments to the Agenda**

5. **Approval of Minutes**

   a. December 17, 2019  
      Member De Vivo made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2019 meeting. Second was made by Member Kalas. All were in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Public Comment**

   None.

7. **Announcements**

   None.

8. **Old Business**

   a. 2020 HomerFest Planning

      1. Intergovernmental Agreements Status
         a. Homer Township
            Homer Township Supervisor Meyers presented the Village’s request for an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to the Township Board for discussion at their November 18 meeting. Village Manager Friling and Mayor Yukich
will meet with the Township Supervisor Meyers tomorrow, January 22, to discuss the IGA. The goal of the meeting is to establish a safe path for residents from parking areas and amenities on both properties.

b. Homer Township Public Library
Nothing has been done to start the agreement process. The agreement will provide access to the parking lot.

2. Site Planning
a. Parking
The diagram to be used for the Intergovernmental Agreement discussion with the Township was reviewed for proposed HomerFest use of parking lots and pedestrian routes. Member De Vivo stated that there is enough parking if the weather is dry. When reducing the number of parking areas to be used, the farm lot would be the first lot to eliminate because its cost, and it is the least safe route for pedestrians. The designated main lot is located at 151st and Crème Road. The pedestrian route from the main lot would go through the Road District property and along the proposed path to the carnival/parking lot area. The yellow lot (sports field parking) can park 200 cars on the hard surface and an additional 200-250 cars in the detention area. The blue lot (by the library) can fit 100 cars. A proposed use of the library lot would be for carnival employee parking. The current Village employee parking area will be reserved for emergency and safety vehicles.

Each parking area is to be identified by color on signage and colored permits will be provided for the appropriate designated parking areas.

b. Pedestrian Transportation
Member De Vivo presented some people mover options. A tram is a pull behind vehicle. He can rent two six passenger trams for $1,000 a week. Member De Vivo is also looking for used vehicles. John Robinson stated that purchasing a vehicle would require storage which the Village does not have. Member De Vivo will continue to research for more options. If Member De Vivo does not find any other alternatives, he will plan on renting the two trams for $1,000.

c. Drainage
Trustee Gray reported the Village will work with the Road District to add French drains to the site to improve the drainage.

3. Update from Committee Members
Trustee Gray reported he spoke with the tent company representative and told them that a 180’ x 80’ will be ordered again this year. The order will be similar to last year’s order. Trustee Gray also spoke with the Lakeshore Beverage representative. The beverage distributor is willing to supply the same extra items as last year including the barback help, sponsorship, marketing, and banners. When Trustee Gray receives the list of beverage choices, he will bring the list to a future meeting.

John Robinson reported the Village has received a 7’ x 16’ trailer from the Road District which can be fixed up to use to transport and store supplies at the Fest and other events.

Member Steilen reported sponsorship letters and packets have been sent. We have received Fest sponsorships commitments from the following:

- $5,000 Meijer
- $1,000 Dan Kenney
- $1,000 Comcast/Xfinity
- $500 SL Equipment
- $500 State Farm (part of a $3500 Heritage Sponsorship)

Kenootz Pizza has applied to be a food vendor. Applications for Food Vendors are due March 1. Vendors will be chosen at the meeting on March 17.

Member Caprio no report.

Member Locacius has been in communication with the fireworks vendor. Member De Vivo reminded that a prerecorded spot will need to be provided to the Fireworks contractor for announcements. A VIP area for sponsors is still being considered.

Paul McGary is willing to help with the information booth, advertising, and where needed.

Member Fonfara and John Robinson will make a ticket booth from the starter shack that is to be removed from the golf course. Placement and specifics will be discussed at a future meeting.

Member Kalas will talk to the sports organization (HAC) about their games schedule during the Fest. He will also make arrangements for gators to use at the Fest.

Member Stevens had no report.
9. New Business

Member De Vivo has suggested that the Homer Community Festival Committee plan an October Fest for the Village this year. The event would be a Friday, Saturday, and Sunday event, which would take place in the afternoon to early evening. A touch-a-truck event could be included.

10. Next Meeting – February 18, 2020

Next meeting scheduled for February 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Member Caprio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Member Drabik. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

[Signature]

Sue Steilen
Community Relations Coordinator
Village of Homer Glen