

# Homer Community Festival Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
July 21, 2020

**Village of Homer Glen  
14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street  
Village Board Room**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Trustee Caprio.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum**

Members present at 6:01 p.m. were Chairperson Trustee Carlo Caprio, Vice-Chair Chris Locacius, Dave Bricker, Todd Fonfara, Ed Kalas, Paul McGary, Sue Steilen, and Debbie Stevens. Sara Rudnik arrived at 6:04 p.m. Mike De Vivo arrived at 6:06 p.m. Tony Drabik arrived at 6:21 p.m.

Members absent: Karen Adamczyk.

Also Present: Amy Blank, and Trustee Keith Gray (arrived at 6:13 p.m.).

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

None.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

a. June 16, 2020

Member Kalas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 16, 2020. Second was made by Member Fonfara. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**6. Public Comment**

None.

**7. Announcements**

Trustee Caprio congratulated Karen Adamczyk, Dave Bricker, and Paul McGary on their new Committee Member appointments.

**8. Old Business**

a. Intergovernmental Agreements for Parking and Pedestrian Pathways

1. Homer Township and Homer Township Road District

The Road District is waiting for engineering documents in order to present to the Township.

b. Contract Status

1. All Around Amusements Carnival Contract

A redlined version for a new contract was included in the packet and presented. Member Stevens will discuss the contract and changes with Rob Salerno of All Around Amusements. She will then email the final document to the Village Manager (and copy Trustee Caprio and Vice-Chair Locacius) for approval at an August Village Board meeting.

2. Homer Township Road District

A new contract for 2021 needs to be signed. The contract terms will be the same as in 2020. The existing contract will be revised with the new dates and presented to the Village Board.

c. Discussion regarding 2021 HomerFest Planning and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

1. Budget

The Committee would like to know if there will be a separate budget for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which covers additional items that are added to the Fest to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. One item that may be added would be a drone display feature at the fireworks. The minimum for 100 drones is \$30,000. More sponsorships would be needed to fund the additional anniversary items. If there is a separate Anniversary budget, the items included in the budget would not be in the following year's (2022) festival budget. Examples of items that may be added to the budget include the following:

- A 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary collector glass with sponsors listed.
- A cup or special wristband included with the advance purchase of a mega pass.
- Sportpack or backpack.
- More prominent band.
- Drone show.
- Extra advertising.

Member Steilen will add a column to the budget for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a separate page showing all 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary items. Chairman Caprio will talk to Manager Friling and Mayor Yukich about getting a budget for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. At the next Committee meeting, the Committee will review the budget line item by line item.

2. Site Planning – Parking Lot at 151<sup>st</sup> & Creme

Member De Vivo sent a letter to the farm lot owners to let them know the Road District will not use their lot in 2021. He also let the owner, John Mantas, of the lot at 151<sup>st</sup> and Crème Road to let him know that the Road District will no longer rent his property after the lease is up in December. Member De Vivo will give contact information to Chairman Caprio for the Village to consider renting or purchasing the five-acre parcel.

3. Fireworks

A new theme is needed for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Vice-Chair Locacius asked the fireworks designers to also present some anniversary theme ideas. The Celebration of Women in Music will be used in 2022. Vice-Chair Locacius will set up a meeting with ACE Pyro to discuss the use of drones.

4. Theme

Member suggestions for themes included something patriotic and aviation. Member De Vivo knows someone that can parachute in to the event if so desired.

5. Bands

Chairman Caprio has reached out to Bass-Schuler about potential band selections. He has also contacted KC Audio to reserve their services for the Fest dates.

**9. New Business**

None.

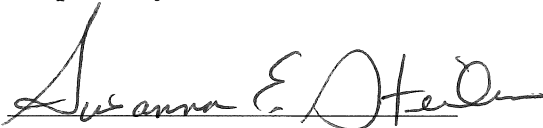
**10. Next Meeting – August 18, 2020**

Next meeting scheduled for August 18 at 6:00 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

Member Locacius made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Member Drabik. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Sue Steilen  
Community Relations Coordinator  
Village of Homer Glen