

# Homer Community Festival Committee

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Minutes of the Special Meeting on  
June 22, 2021

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



**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chair Chris Locacius.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum**

Members present at 6:02 p.m. were Chairperson Trustee Beth Rodgers, Vice-Chair Chris Locacius, Karen Adamczyk, Dave Bricker, Tony Drabik, Todd Fonfara, Trustee Dan Fialko, Paul McGary, Sue Steilen, and Debbie Stevens. Sara Rudnik arrived at 6:33pm.

Also Present: Jim Holuj, Amy Blank, John Robinson, Mike Gemprel, Gabby Garcia, Trustee Rose Reynders.

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

None

**5. Approval of Minutes**

None

**6. Public Comment**

None

**7. Announcements**

Trainwreck had to pull out of the event, but a replacement band was able to be contracted. The band added to fill the spot is The Millennials. Saturday Stargazing and Carnival set up started to overlap unexpectedly, so a big thank you to Dave Bricker, Todd Fonfara, and John Robinson for handling that situation when the issue arose.

Also, John Robinson and Todd Fonfara noticed the original beer tent was too small and made a judgment call to get a larger size. It was agreed that this was the right decision to make, and the adjustments are appreciated.

**8. Old Business**

- a. Discussion and Updates Regarding 2021 HomerFest Planning and 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  1. Parking / Pedestrian Pathway / Parking Passes

Set up for parking areas has begun. Bollards are being used for set up and will be adjusted as the set-up crew sees fit. Some of the lawn has already been cut and the Public Works department is planning to have it all cut with fencing up by tomorrow (23<sup>rd</sup>). Vendors parking passes will be distributed when they come to set up their booth/truck. Band passes have been mailed out, and they will receive them before their time slot for performing. Volunteer parking passes were handed out to the committee during the meeting. The people mover route was discussed to determine the easiest route. Mike Bonomo and Rob Rivera were added to the volunteer list for people mover drivers, and there is still a need for more drivers.
  2. Festival Layout / Tents

The larger tent and the food vendor tents are up. The only food vendor that is still not set up is Smokin' Z. The tent company were out of 15' x 15' tents that were going to be used for first aid; an alternative tent was provided by the Lockport Fire District.
  3. Security  
No Update
  4. Incident Action Plan  
The Incident Action Plan was reviewed.
  5. Fireworks

ACE Pyro will set up Thursday at 7 a.m. Everything is set up with them for announcements and sponsors. Firework safety will be taken care of by Dave Bricker, and there will be a fire truck on site in case of a sparked fire from the fireworks.
  6. Signs

All signs that have been requested are already printed or in the process of being printed. The color-coded signs for parking will be created on Wednesday by John Robinson and Amy Blank.
  7. Craft Services

The hot dogs, ham, and cheese will be donated by George Yukich. Tazza's will provide the pizza. The rest of the menu was finalized and announced at the last meeting.

8. Parade

All things are set up and ready for the parade. There are 40 vendors signed up for the event. The Wiener Mobile will be at the start of the parade so that it is stationed and ready for people by the time the parade is over. It will be kept in Culver Park so that it does not interfere with the carnival and still allow for photos and viewing. If the parade does not occur due to different cancellation situations the Honey Bear Dancers will come to HomerFest and perform at the fest.

9. Carnival

In 2019, the total number of ticket sales for mega passes was 418, and before this meeting the total mega pass sales was 505. The last day, which is June 23, is usually the greatest day for sales.

10. Advertising / Sponsors / Heritage Corridor Business Alliance

No Updates

11. Special Needs Day

There are 111 kids signed up for Special Needs Day.

12. Volunteers

Volunteer slots for maintenance and ID check on Thursday, Friday and Sunday are completely full. Saturday slots still need to be filled. Only three people movers' spots are filled total, and it is highly important more volunteers sign up for that position.

13. Lakeshore Beverages

The beverage truck is arriving tomorrow (Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup>). They will provide another poster to display the flavor choices for the seltzers.

14. Bands

No Updates

15. Supplies Needed / T-Shirts

Committee members were asked to submit their list of supplies needed, so supplies can be purchased by tomorrow.

16. Sanitation Services / Ice

Sanitation and Ice will be delivered tomorrow, June 23.

17. Staff Handbook / Load-in Schedule

Chris Locacius and Todd Fonfara were nominated unchallenged to be the first managers and second in command. These manager titles will remain for all four days.

18. Updates from Staff and Committee Members  
No Updates

**9. New Business**

No Updates

**10. Next Meeting – July 20, 2021**

The next meeting will be held July 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

**11. Adjournment**

Member Drabik motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Member Adamczyk. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Village of Homer Glen