

Homer Community Festival Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
May 3, 2023

**Village of Homer Glen
14240 W. 151st Street
Village Community Room**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m. by Chairman Fialko.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Members present at 5:34 p.m. were Chair Fialko, Mike Bonomo, Tony Drabik, Ethan Fialko (arrived at 5:40 pm), Mark Gawron, Paul McGary, Debbie Stevens, Jay Roti, and John Walters. Member Mike Carlson called in via telephone.

Members absent: Carmen Maurella and Sara Rudnik

Also Present: Lt. Jeff Taylor, Jacquelyn Huff, Alana Charboneau, Mayor Neitzke-Troiike, Bill Frossard, Jennifer Vittori, Dave Bricker, Jim Cronos, Michelle Kerfin, Kari Ann Coy, Vicki Bozen, Dave Medema, and Mike Gamperl.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda

No amendments were discussed.

5. Approval of Minutes

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Before approval, Chair Fialko requested that all members look over the minutes. Dave Medema said his name was spelled incorrectly and gave the correct spelling. Chair Fialko noted that the sanitation company is Nu-Way and not New Wave. Chair Fialko asked if there were any other changes to the minutes and, hearing none, asked for a motion to approve the amended minutes. Member Drabik motioned, and Member McGary second. All voted in favor unanimously, and zero opposed.

6. Public Comment

Vicki Bozen thanked everyone for their help and support with Pet Fest. She is thankful for the use of the Homer Fest tents. She asked if anyone knew any vendors that would like to be at Pet Fest, as they are looking for a few more.

7. Announcements

Chairman Fialko welcomed the new Mayor, Mayor Neitzke-Troiike, to the fest meeting. Mayor Neitzke-Troiike thanked everyone for having her at the meeting. Mayor Neitzke – Troiike advised that she was there on behalf of the Ability Awareness Committee to discuss Special Needs Day. Chairman Fialko passed out applications for the Community Fest committee. He said that all members must fill out the forms if they are still interested in being on the committee. They are to return them by the due date noted on the form.

Michelle Kerfin announced that Dan Mulka was no longer with the HCBA and that Kari Ann Coy will be helping the HCBA events committee.

8. Old Business

a. Layout Changes

- i. Member Gawron reviewed the site layout and changes. The Sheriff's trailer will be placed at the south end of the west parking lot, located by the carnival and kiddie area. Both the Sheriffs and EMA will utilize the sports tower. The locations of the jersey barriers were discussed. The layout showed where EMA was going to be staffed and have traffic control/flow. Four large dumpsters will be placed at the sub entrance, and one small dumpster behind the bar. One hundred residential rollers will be placed throughout the Fest, by Parks employees where needed. Porta-potties will go in the same spots as last year, with additional units added to the new kiddie area. The Fire Department tent will be located next to the Sheriff's tent.
- ii. Member Gawron brought up fireworks. He mentioned that all the permits are in order. Deputy Chief Bricker will be with the fireworks operators during the show and supervise the dismantling of the equipment afterward. A brush truck will be on-site as well.
- iii. The new kiddie zone will be located on the football field. All of the rides will surround the family tent.

b. Update on Liquor/Basset Training

- i. The contract with Home City Ice has been signed, and we are getting four ice chests. Member Drabik reported he had met with Lakeshore Beverage and made preliminary selections for liquor, Bud Light, Michelob Ultra, Stella, and Cutwater. All beverages will be in 12 oz cans. Member Drabik asked about pricing for the drinks and if prices were going to be raised or stay the same. It was discussed whether drink tickets should be \$6 or \$5.
- ii. Members were asked who is basset trained. An email was sent out with a link for a training course; reimbursement will be made for the cost of the course.
- iii. Member Drabik will work with Jacquelyn on the selections for the beer tent volunteers.

c. Special Needs Day Prizes/ Working with AAC

- i. Mayor Neitzke – Troike discussed the attendance from last year's special needs day. 80 families registered, with 99 special needs guests. 64 were children, and 33 adults, with a total number of about 350 guests. 41 of those families were from Homer Glen, and the rest of the families were from Lockport, New Lenox, Romeoville, Manhattan, Justice, Lemont, Orland Park, Darien, Crest Hill, and Oak Lawn. Last year was the first year that it was opened up to families outside of Homer Glen. A

discussion was had about how many people would be allowed in a group and changing special needs day back to Homer Glen/Homer Township residents only. The limit would be 6 per registration. Chair Fialko wanted a voice vote to change the special needs day back to Homer Glen/Township residents only and have a maximum of 6 people per registration. Chair Fialko took a voice vote, all were in favor (aye) zero opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

- ii. Member Stevens reported on the prizes from last year. \$533 was spent on 288 prizes, which would be two prizes per person. Mayor Neitzke-Troiike suggested having signs on the games that are open to make it easier to see what is available. Mayor Neitzke – Troiike asked if anyone from the Homer Fest committee would be available to assist with special needs day. Chair Fialko suggested that if they need assistance, reach out to Member Stevens and she can find help. It was also discussed that the Fest can help AAC with the cost of prizes if better prizes were wanted.

d. Security

- i. Security cameras were at the ticket booths and around the fest last year. They video recorded only; there was no sound. It was discussed that employees should be notified that grounds will be video recorded without sound. Chair Fialko took a voice vote on who would like cameras at the fest. All were in favor, and zero were opposed. Lt Taylor agrees with having the cameras at the fest. He said employees and volunteers should be notified in writing and verbally.

e. Food Vendor Meeting

- i. The food vendor meeting is on May 18 at 10:30 in the Community Room.

f. HCBA

- i. Michelle Kerfin asked Jacquelyn to get together to discuss activities for the weekend. They want to have yard games, face painting, and an art activity.

g. Parade Update

- i. Michelle Kerfin gave an update on the Parade. The Medinah Shriners will be there, and there are about 22 people signed up. The parade starts at 10:30 am. The rain date is Sunday at 10:30. Vicki Bozen is coordinating porta-potties along the parade route.

9. New Business

a. Senior Day/Veterans Day

- i. Mike Bonomo went over the timeline for the day. There will be a comedy show, bingo, bands, and other activities. The salute to the soldiers will be around 2:45 pm. Chair Fialko wanted to note that this is supposed to be a happy and upbeat day. The goal of this is to celebrate the veterans and not mourn them. Fliers will be printed and can be passed out to businesses in town.

- ii. Chair Fialko received a request to have a disc golf camp during Homer Fest. He thinks that will be too much and should be for another time.
- b. Round Table
 - i. Mike Carlson requested glow sticks to hand out while the bands play. He would also like an American Flag to wave around when the National Anthem plays.
 - ii. Mayor Neitzke- Troike asked if there was going to be a cigar bar this year. Rubi Agave is going to sell drinks and give a dollar to the Village for each cup sold. There was a discussion about liquor licenses and how this should be handled. Chair Fialko and the Mayor will discuss this at a later time.
 - iii. Jennifer Vittori has the forklift delivered on June 19. They will move the ticket booths that Monday and Tuesday. Parks will be demoing a skid steer at Homer Fest. Jennifer would like to talk about reversing the parking from last year. She will talk with Brent Woods and Ron Kus about it.
 - iv. Bill Frossard asked if anything is going to be set up on the west football field and if people could refrain from driving across that field as the sprinkler heads were all replaced.
 - v. Member McGary asked about the t-shirts and supplies. Jacquelyn and Alana are working on the t-shirts; they are waiting for a few more sponsor logos. Paul will call Jacquelyn to talk about what supplies are needed later in the week.
 - vi. Member Stevens asked about the neighborhood signs. She would like to schedule them to go out in the upcoming weeks.

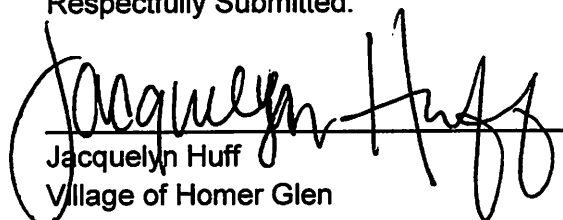
10. Next Meeting

June 7th at 5:30 pm

11. Adjournment

Member Drabik made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Bonomo. All in favor, zero (0) opposed, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Jacquelyn Huff
Village of Homer Glen
Community Events Coordinator