

# Homer Community Festival Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
August 17, 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 Chairman Fialko. Member Locacius lead the meeting.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum**

Members present at 6:00 p.m. were Chairperson Trustee Dan Fialko, Karen Adamczyk, Dave Bricker, Tony Drabik, Todd Fonfara, Chris Locacius, Paul McGary, Sue Steilen, and Debbie Stevens.

Members absent: Sara Rudnik.

Also Present: Amy Blank, Mike Carlson, Anthony Giacobbe, John Robinson, and Steve Spears. Michelle Kerfin joined the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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

Motion was made by Member Drabik to add Member Fonfara's request for Electric Review and Summary as item 9a. Second was made by Member Bricker.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

a. May 11, 2021

Member Drabik made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021, meeting. Second was made by Member Adamczyk. Motion passed unanimously.

b. July 20, 2021

Member Adamczyk made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021, meeting as presented. The presented minutes included an amendment that had been made from the copy that was emailed to include Chris Locacius as a member and to include a report from Member Stevens. Second was made by Member McGary. Motion passed unanimously

**6. Public Comment**

None.

**7. Announcements**

None.

## 8. Old Business

### a. 2022 HomerFest Planning

#### 1. Fest Location

At 6:05 p.m. the Committee left the Community Room to view possible site locations presented by Chairperson Fialko. The Committee returned to the Community Room at 6:54 p.m. to discuss the two alternative sites. Chairperson Fialko lead the discussion asking each person in the room to provide their thoughts.

- 1.) A site to the east side of the park near the Heritage Circle portion with the maintenance building in the background. The stage would be placed off the sidewalk with the viewing area on the road.
  - Concern about meeting ADA needs for crossing the curbs.
  - Extra parking would be available at the maintenance building.
- 2.) A site west of the electrical building on the Village green. The stage would be in the lower portion of the property where the plan is for a future amphitheater.
  - Possibly place the carnival on the cul-de-sac road.

#### General Comments:

- Concerns about continuously moving the site.
- Need support from the Board to make improvements to the site to keep moving the site each year.
- The parking problem is not resolved by either of the sites.
- Offsite alternative parking needs to be found with shuttle buses.
- People do not like to take buses.
- Key component is the cul-de-sac road and fear that it will not be completed before the next Fest.
- Move dates to the driest time of the year.
- There are options the site used in 2019 (site 4); the site used in 2021 (site 3), and sites 1 and 2 above.
- Put gravel on the five acres owned by the Village on 151<sup>st</sup> Street.
- Any carnival on grass is going to be destructive.
- Put in drainage for the 2019 site.
- All sites viewed involve the Village Green which may be affected by future construction. The only site that would not be affected by future construction was site 3 (the 2021 site).
- Site 3 is convenient for people approaching from parking to the west.
- Carnival on concrete is best for people with disabilities and strollers.
- Advertise alternative parking, so everyone will know that they need to take a shuttle. (CL)

- Some did not like the 2021 layout (site 3) because it was too linear and did not have visual appeal.
- The volunteers received lots of questions about where things were located because of the layout.
- Do away with all onsite parking. Everyone must shuttle from one site.
- Have lots of buses constantly running for the shuttle.
- If there is no onsite parking, people may still fill up the subdivisions.
- Simple French drain could fix site 4.
- Eliminate relying on grass lots.
- Thursday night is the main night with the parking problem.
- Bands and Beer Tent should stay together.
- Food vendor location was not visible enough in 2021.
- Address the issue of small/limited beer area.
- Kiddie rides can go on grass.
- Large rides on grass will sink and be difficult to operate in rain.
- Water will always be a problem. With an improved permanent site, a shelter could be built instead of spending so much money on tents.

2. Discussion Regarding Keeping or Changing Currently Scheduled HomerFest Dates in 2022

The dates for 2022 are June 23 through June 26. The fourth of July falls on a Monday next year. If the Fest was held that week after, all the work preparing for the Fest would fall on the holiday weekend. People would also be burned out by that week. By having the Fest before the fourth of July, the Fest is not in competition with other surrounding community events. After discussion, consensus was to keep the dates.

3. Discussion Regarding Ideas for Choosing Bands

Chairperson Fialko would like everyone to think about bands for the September meeting. He would like to include local talent to showcase themselves. The bands would be qualified. Bands that can draw a crowd are needed to sell beer. The carnival sponsors a headline band to help draw a crowd. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

b. Items Needed to Close Out 2021 HomerFest

Member Steilen gave Committee a report of income and expenses recorded to date. She is requesting a confirmation or invoice of the amount to be paid to the provider of the generator, Altorfer. Questions to be answered: Is there going to be a request for payment for the gravel that was put down in front of the tent? Is there an expense item for the \$10,000 that was budgeted to offset the use of Road District employees for parking, which ended up being Village employees? Last year, the Fest funds donated to the Will County Sheriff's

Auxiliary for their services provided. This item will be presented to the Admin and Finance Committee. Traditionally, pizzas have been provided to the EMA for their service. Steve Spears was directed to purchase and provide a receipt. A refund is also due from Rolling R.

## 9. New Business

### a. Electric Review and Summary

Member Fonfara presented a document summarizing all the electrical items needed and used for the Fest. This summary will be useful for planning future events. He will email a copy to Member Steilen for the record. An item to be noted is that the trailers use a lot more power than the tents. With a trailer, there usually is no cost for a tent, but there is a larger cost for the power.

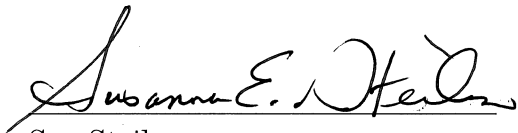
## 10. Next Meeting – September 21, 2021

The next meeting will be held September 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

## 11. Adjournment

Member Adamczyk made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second was made by Chairman Fialko. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Sue Steilen  
Special Events Coordinator  
Village of Homer Glen