

Homer Community Festival Committee

Minutes of the Meeting on
September 21, 2021

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Member Locacius.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

A moment of silence was held before the Roll Call for the passing of Dave Bricker's mother.

Members present at 6:02 p.m. were Chairperson Trustee Dan Fialko, Karen Adamczyk, Todd Fonfara, Chris Locacius, Paul McGary, Sue Steilen, and Debbie Stevens.

Members absent: Dave Bricker, Tony Drabik, and Sara Rudnik.

Also Present: Communications and Recreation Services Coordinator Amy Blank, Superintendent of Parks and Facilities John Robinson, and Lt. Jim Holuj (arrived at 6:08 p.m. and left at 7:28 p.m.). Residents: Mike Carlson, Mark Gawron, and John Walters.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. June 10, 2021

Member McGary made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2021, meeting. Second was made by Member Adamczyk. Motion passed unanimously.

b. August 17, 2021

Member Adamczyk made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2021, meeting. Second was made by Member McGary. Member Steilen presented two amendments: 1) The cover sheet was amended to reflect that it was a regular meeting, not a special meeting. 2) Under item 8.a. General Comments, bullet number 9, Crème Road was changed to 151st Street. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes were approved as amended.

6. Public Comment

None.

7. Announcements

Member Steilen stated a Household Hazardous Waste collection will be at Village Hall on Saturday, September 25.

8. Old Business

a. 2022 HomerFest Planning

1. Site Planning and Layout

Chairman Fialko reviewed his ideas for the site location on a large aerial photo of the park. He had requested Mark Gawron to report on his review of the available parking spots at Heritage Park.

61 Spaces in Front of Village Hall

114 West Parking Lot

268 Around the Ring Road

50 A parking area could also be established near the maintenance building for volunteers and staff.

John Robinson expressed concerns for the area that was suggested by the maintenance building, which may block entrance/exit points and the dumpster location and lose of spaces if it rains. He also stated 40 Spaces will be needed for carnival employees.

Mike Carlson mentioned that the Stallions may allow parking on their practice field (not the main field). The Committee was appreciative for the offer but would prefer to not plan on using it.

All counted, Mark Gawron came up with a total of 446 spaces and said that in 2021 there were only 142 spaces available on the Heritage Park site. John Robinson stated that 120 spaces would need to be provided for the handicap spaces, band parking, and food vendor parking.

If the Fest location is moved to the Southeast Corner of the site, a total of 304 on-site parking spots would be gained. Another 443 hard surface spots could be gained at the Library, Sports Field, and Road District/Public Works.

There was much discussion about moving the location of the Fest site.

Rob Salerno from the Carnival will be invited to the next meeting to walk the site with the Committee. Committee members are to list their pros and cons of past sites and proposed sites in preparation for the meeting. Salerno will be asked for his opinion of the best site options.

2. Fireworks Theme

Member Locacius spoke with the Fireworks provider. The vendor can't quote a price until December. Shipping costs are up 400% right now. They have a few years of fireworks in the states. The fireworks that are shipped in from China are considered hazmat and inspection is determined by customs. If a quote was given for a \$40,000 show, it would cost \$60,000 right now.

In 2020 the theme that was planned was a Celebration of Women in Music. Member Fonfara made a motion to use the same theme, "A Celebration of Women in Music." Second was made by Member McGary. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Bands

Trustee Fialko asked for member input on ideas for bands. The budget for bands has not been set yet. In 2021, the budget was \$25,000. His suggestions for the headline bands are the following:

Thursday night – Elton Rohn (Elton John cover)

Friday night – Eliminator (ZZ Top cover)

Saturday night – Bruce in the USA (Bruce Springsteen cover)

Sunday night – The Chicago Experience (Chicago cover)

Member Locacius made a motion to give Trustee Fialko the authority to lock in the bands. Second was made by Member Fonfara. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee members are to send suggestions for local talent bands and middle line band spots to Trustee Fialko.

Member Locacius emphasized that the sound for the fireworks needs to be able to provide sound in bad weather and more locations on the site. Discussion moved to offering fireworks on another night. A rain date would be needed. No decision was made. EMA would need to be considered.

b. Committee Member Assignments

Member Locacius made a motion to table the Committee Member Assignments until the next meeting. Second was made by Member Stevens. Motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business

None.

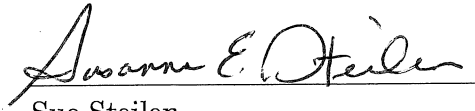
10. Next Meeting – October 19, 2021

The next meeting will be held October 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sue Steilen", written over a horizontal line.

Sue Steilen
Special Events Coordinator
Village of Homer Glen