

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
Celtic Fest COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 7, 2023

4 pm – Regan Room – Village Hall – Also virtually via GoToMeeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jenn D. at approximately 4:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Mayor Bill McLeod
Joane McLeod
Craig Kuehne
Linda Scheck
Jenn Djordjevic
Ben Gibbs
Yousuf Ahmed
Doris Harner

Absent

Mayor Chris Nelson

Staff Liaison

Patrick Seger

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

A motion to approve the December 6, 2023 minutes was made by Linda and seconded by Bern and all commission members were in favor.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion took place among the commission members regarding the 2024 Highland games and if any further communication has occurred between the Chicago Scotts and Linda and Ben. Linda indicated that they have not yet returned her call and answered the list of questions they were asked to respond to, however, she believes they need an additional 30 days to go to their board regarding the potential opportunity here in Hoffman Estates. Ben indicated that they would need massive stretches of green space and he was concerned we did not have that amount of space available. Linda indicated that they would be interested in a condensed event. It was also mentioned that the June 10th date was in conflict with the Highland Games. It was decided by the commission to keep the conversation open for the next 30 days or so with the Chicago Scotts and allow them to communicate back to Linda with answers to questions so the commission can decide the future of the games in Hoffman Estates in 2024.

The commission decided to focus the discussion on the 2023 Celtic Fest event which included feedback from vendors and entertainer regarding the June 10th date that was proposed at the last meeting. Based on some of the feedback from the vendors and entertainers, the Saturday June 10th would not be a very good date due to vendor and entertainment conflicts due to other events. The commission discussed a new date to consider which would be Saturday August 12th outside at the same location. The commission did have some concerns about the size of the stage at the Hide Away beer garden and how well that would work for the dance groups. It was suggested that the main entertainment dancers and bands be staged at the Village Green stage which is adjacent to the beer garden. It was also suggested that the band that currently plays in the Club of the Now Area during past events may be a perfect option for the beer garden stage.

Both Linda and Patrick will contact the vendors and entertainers to see what their interest and availability will be for Saturday August 12th outside at the Village Green/Hide away area as proposed. Ben began to discuss and shared a site map of the area showing where things may be set up, including a very large tent which would hold the vendors. Linda indicated the tent rental will be a significant expense that the commission would need to consider and Ben indicated that he will put together a budget for the next commission meeting for the event. It was also suggested that within the large tent, tent lighting be included in the rental. Also with the event being outside the commission was interested in bringing back the inflatables/kids games. Ben will include possible inflatable locations within the site map.

Ben also recommended to the commission to consider changing the name of the event with them moving it outside. One of the more popular suggestion that came forward for consideration was Celtic fest on the Green.

Both Linda and Jenn were going to double check the availability of the Village Green stage for the proposed date of August 12th.

V. NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss and the next meeting the first Tuesday in March 2023, March 7th.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda and seconded by Craig with all commission members in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

*The next meeting of the Celtic Commission
will be Tuesday, March 7, 2023*