

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
Celtic Fest Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Joane McLeod
Craig Kuehne
Linda Scheck
Jenn Djordjevic
Yousuf Ahmed
Doris Harner

Absent

Mayor Chris Nelson
Mayor Bill McLeod
Ben Gibbs

Staff Liaison

Patrick Seger

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

A motion to approve the February 7, 2023 minutes was made by Craig and seconded by Linda and all commission members were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

No public in attendance.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Linda reported out to the commission that she again e-mailed and left a voice message for both Gus and Jack of the Chicago Scotts requested that they follow-up with her regarding a potential event in the Village of Hoffman Estates in 2024. She has not gotten a response as of yet. The commission began discussions on finalizing the 2023 Celtic Fest which included information regarding various vendors that will be attending, animal acts as well as Scottish Clans that indicated the date in August will work for them.

A brief discussion ensued about some feedback Linda had received in an e-mail from one of the vendors as it relates to moving the event outside and the past entertainment provided. The vendor did not agree with moving the event outside and she also provided some potential bands for the commission to consider. The commission indicated it was hopeful that by having the event outside in the summer will likely

allow the event to grow as a local community event. It was also indicated that the commission has been happy with the past entertainment and some of the larger fest bands recommended may or may not be a good fit, depending on costs and availability.

Patrick indicated that all of the entertainment groups from last year have been contacted regarding the outdoor venue and the new date in August and most of the acts indicated that they were available and interested.

General discussion occurred about the need for a tent and the impacts it will have on the overall budget. The commission agreed that it was important to have the tent to hold the vendors and believed it will prove to be worth having. It is believed that the event will again be supported by sponsors that will again help off-set the cost of the event and will assist significantly with costs such as the tent that will be part of this year's event compared to past years.

Jenn requested that the commission vote on the new date and times of this year's event. A motion was made for approval for the event to occur on Saturday August 12, 2023 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. by Joane and seconded by Craig and all commission members were in favor.

Lastly the commission discussed the name of this year's event as it was discussed at the last meeting to call it "Celtic Fest on the Green". Yousuf suggested "Shenanigans on the Green" as a potential event name. The commission liked the idea, however, before deciding Craig requested that he research the name from a market standpoint and get back to the commission at the next meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS

No new business needed to be discussed and the next meeting set for the first Tuesday in April, 2023, April 4th.

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, April 4, 2023*