

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES

Celtic Fest Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

4 pm – Alexia 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

Jenn Djordjevic
Doris Harner (remote)
Craig Kuehne
Yousuf Ahmed
Joane McLeod
Ben Gibbs

Linda Scheck

Mayor Bill McLeod

Absent

Mayor Chris Nelson

Staff Liaison

Patrick Seger

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

A motion to approve the September 5, 2023 minutes was made by Yousuf and seconded by Craig Kuehne and all commission members were in favor.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT-

No public was in attendance.

V. OLD BUSINESS

The Commission discussed extending the Celtic fest event to 11:00 PM again with the idea of expanding the number of vendors. Linda asked if we could extend the trackless train and the commission was in favor of Linda contacting them with that extension.

Ben did feel shifting the whiskey/scotch tasting an hour or so would be fine. Ben suggested having them be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m... Ben to get in touch with Dave Sweet from Whiskey Barrell to see if the new time will work and will work out all the arraignments with whiskey and Scotch supply as well as liqueur licensing.

Linda reported out that she continues to get new animal acts such as Lamas to add to the event. Linda will also come up with inflatable game ideas. Jenn discussed the increased cost for entertainment as a result of the expanded event and the commission was not opposed to the idea, however, Patrick to provide a revised entertainment agenda and budget for the next meeting. Some of the groups that Ben was in contact with that are available for the event are Kennedy Kitchen and Black Murphy. Patrick to get in contact with them along with the bands They might be Irish and Whiskey Mick regarding expanding set time to 2 hours on the Hide away stage. Also, discussion took place to have the second stage for the dancers and Ben suggested Baal Tinna and the Irish Academy of Irish Music along with Ar Arh Arish playing on that stage as well. Ben indicated that he will be able to provide the sound production for the stage in the tent and Patrick will confirm Dave Unger for the hide away stage from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Ben indicated that the U2 cover band that they will provide will come on at 8:00 p.m.

Ben suggested that the entertainment in the tent begin at 2 p.m. and go to 6 p.m. Linda suggested having folks come up with the dancers and learn how to dance.

Patrick to work up the entertainment options in both stages with costs. Linda asked to have all appropriate contracts for both the entertainers and the vendors. Jenn to work with Hallie and confirm what types of contracts are needed with Legal. Both Linda and Jenn will begin to send information out to potential vendors.

Linda asked about the vendor fee. She was wondering if we should increase the vendor fee. Ben indicated that we should keep the fees the same at \$50.00, the commission agreed to keep the same.

The commission discussed the Axe throwing trailer and how much it was utilized. The commission agreed to bring them back again and make sure there were signs indicating that they were free for the public to participate. One of the concerns discussed was to see if they require closed faced shoes to participate as many of the public in August will likely be wearing sandals given the Celtic Fest is in August. Linda will contact them to find out and if they do require it, she will seek out another vendor such as the inflatable Velcro Axe throwing which will not require special foot ware.

Jenn confirmed that the event will be Saturday August 10th the commission concurred.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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