

Grant Park Festival Planning Committee  
November 19, 2015

Present: Dave Dickson, Scott Dillman, Connie Granger, Dennis Granger, Donnie Gass, Deb Morgan, Gerry Morgan, Jill Morse, Kim Raloff, Rich Shrouts, Bob Schurman, Amanda Trompler, Keith Trompler, Nikki VanKalker, Laura Veldhuizen, Bill Wold, Scott Zizic.

Bill Wold began the meeting at 6:01 at the Community Park Building.

Gerry Morgan described the Oktoberfest 2015 receipts and expenditures and answered questions about several items.

A general discussion occurred concerning the purpose of holding Oktoberfest. Basically is the event held to raise money for the park or is it to have a good time. While there was no resolution, it was commented that it is held to have a good time and if makes some money also, that is a good thing. Someone pointed out that the profit was about 12 percent which is considered good by most businesses.

Rich Shrouts commented that the committee should consider holding a Cabin Fever Party in February. Chili could be served and a band such as KGB could be hired. A gate fee could be charged and people could have a bowl of chili and/or hot dogs and listen to the band. Volunteers to form the planning committee for the event included Dennis Granger, Rich Shrouts, and Dave Dickson.

There was general discussion concerning Oktoberfest including vendors/crafters, using the building at night, the variations in the weather, location of crafters, party on Saturday for kids similar to that held at Summerfest, a tractor show on one day, petting zoo, hay rides, and the dates for the festival.

Dave Dickson moved to change the date of Oktoberfest 2016 to September 16, 17, and 18. Motion seconded by Rich Shrouts. Show of hands was a close count but held that Oktoberfest 2016 would be scheduled for the first full weekend in October namely October 7, 8, and 9.

Kim Raloff moved to eliminate the carnival at Oktoberfest. Motion seconded by Connie Granger. Motion carried.

Connie Granger moved to add Summerfest activities to Oktoberfest. Motion seconded by Jill Morse. Motion carried.

Discussion covered topics such as obtaining a sponsor for the Saturday Night Band. Several bands were mentioned for consideration. Moving Oktoberfest to September dates for 2017 was discussed but was suggested to be finalized at the January meeting so that crafters would have more than a year to change their schedule.

Keith Trompler asked about the 5K and that he be able to suggest possible changes for future 5Ks.

Deb Morgan presented the possibility of purchasing an antique farm wagon in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce that would have Village of Grant Park on it and located in an appropriate place in the Village. Rich Shronts moved to approve the use of festival funds for \$250 toward the purchase of the wagon. Motion seconded by Dennis Granger. Motion approved.

Dennis, Rich and Dave said that they would discuss possibilities for the Cabin Fever Night and send out information to Committee Members. This event will be finalized at the January meeting.

There was a general discussion of merging Summerfest with Oktoberfest and how it might work. There would need to be an ongoing discussion of sponsors and expenses. Scott Zizic mentioned that he was concerned that both events have had the same people working on them.

Bill concluded the meeting at 7:30.

The next meeting of the Festival Committee was scheduled for January 21, 2016, at the Park Building at 6:00.