

Grant Park Festival Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2017

Members Present: Connie Granger, Dennis Granger, Deb Morgan, Gerry Morgan, Jill Morse, and Susie Wiedl

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Review Previous Minutes: Minutes from September 21, 2017 were reviewed and approved.

Halloween: Candy and Hot Chocolate have been purchased and ready for Halloween. Trick or Treat hours are 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Jill Morse will be at the park at 3:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come up to the park.

Minion Update – Susie: The minion contest is doing awesome. There are 30 minions built so far around town. The judging will be on October 31st. Susie has donations for prizes.

The 3 categories are: Best Business, Creativity, and Originality. Winners are chosen by “likes” on facebook.

Oktoberfest:

-Saturday Night Band: Anthony Orio has been booked for Saturday, September 8, 2018 for Oktoberfest. The Fest Committee is responsible for \$1,250 and the Light and Sound Guy. Keith Brack will take care of the remainder. Keith Brack will forward the contract to Jill Morse once received from Anthony Orio.

-Friday Night Band/Entertainment: The Friday night entertainment will need to be decided on and booked no later than

January. Susie is going to contact several bands and get pricing and availability. It was discussed to have a local band for Friday night. This will be discussed further at November's meeting.

Tents Secured: The 40X100 tent for \$1,150 and a 40X40 tent for \$450 has been secured through Sunrise Tents. These tents will be put up on Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

Fireworks: Jill Morse will contact Central States Fireworks to book the fireworks for Saturday, September 8, 2018. She will also get pricing.

Discussion of 2018 Fest Name: After a discussion, it was decided to leave the Fest name as Oktoberfest. There is no reason to change the name. It would be quite costly to change the name as all the banners purchased over the years have Oktoberfest on them.

Cabin Fever Reliever – February 24, 2018:

-Jill Morse had brought to the committee a card she had received in the mail. It was for an iceless ice skating rink. It is a 32'X40' skating rink with lights and music. The company also provides 65-80 pairs of skates. People can bring their own skates as well. The cost for 4 hours is \$2700 and \$100 for every hour after. It was decided that this rink was not big enough for a park event. There could only be about 15-20 people at a time on the rink. It is a lot of money for only a few people to use at a time.

-Dinner: It was discussed to have more of a concession stand kind of dinner versus having chili dinner and hotdogs.

-Entertainment: It was discussed to look into having a Las Vegas Night. Jill Morse is going to check into what it would cost to have a company come in with all the tables and games to put the Vegas night on. More discussion will happen at the next Fest meeting in November after getting pricing details.

-Susie will get pricing and availability of several local bands as well.

-A decision will need to be made at the November meeting.

Next Meeting: November 16, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Community Park

Adjourn Meeting: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM