

MINUTES
FAMILY DAYS COMMISSION
September 11, 2019

The Family Days Commission met in the Community Conference Room of the Village Hall at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. In attendance were:

Present:

Phil Bettiker	Angie Butera	John Coughenour	Esther Finne
Judy Geuder	Barry Gray	Herb Isaacs	Janet Youngberg

Also Present:

Ryan Miller, Resident
Justin Keenan, Staff Liaison
Jay Zahn, Director of Parks

Minutes

Commissioner Gray made a motion to approve the June 4, 2018, minutes and Commissioner Geuder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Ryan Miller, the owner of Playground Games presented an amusement rides proposal to the group. He would like to earn the contract for the July 4th amusements rides. The group requested information regarding future events his company would be participating in and Ryan agreed to email Liaison Keenan that information.

Announcements

Staff Liaison Keenan informed the group that Michele Edelmuth resigned from the commission. The commission now has 3 vacancies.

2018 Family Days Expense/Revenue Report

The Commission reviewed the budget line items and approved following amounts:

Expenses	Budgeted 2018	Actual 2018	Proposed 2019
Fireworks	\$11,500	\$11,500	\$12,500
Signs/Banners	\$500	\$536	\$550
Raffle	\$750	\$758	\$760
Postcard	\$4,800	\$1,357	\$1,350

Parade	\$17,500	\$17,450	\$18,500
Rotary Race	\$4,000	\$3,694	\$4,000
Bike Parade/Dog Show/Poster Contest	\$250	\$0	\$250
Flower Show	\$100	\$0	\$200
Stage	\$1,950	\$1,950	\$1,950
Petting Zoo	\$1,600	\$1,550	\$1,550
Rides	\$13,400	\$13,400	\$13,700
D.J/Music Entertainment	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Park District Overtime	\$2,500	\$2,388	\$2,500
Miscellaneous	\$400	\$1,124	\$500
Restrooms/Garbage	\$2,750	\$3,586	\$3,250
Community Concert Band	\$0	\$450	\$450
Bazaar	\$50	\$0	\$0
Total	\$63,325	\$60,491	\$62,910

Revenues	Budgeted 2018	Actual 2018	Proposed 2019
Parade	\$2,500	\$4,750	\$4,500
Rotary Race	\$6,000	\$6,273	\$6,000
Water Bill Donations	\$3,000	\$2,035	\$3,000
Wrist Band Sales	\$15,000	\$11,947	\$13,500
Corp Sponsors	\$15,000	\$1,000	\$3,000
Corp. Booths	\$1,500	\$1,150	\$1,100

Bazaar	\$1,500	\$1,090	\$0
Glow Item Sales	\$400	\$323	\$300
Food Vendors	\$1,500	\$1,830	\$1,500
Misc.	\$100	\$0	\$0
Johns Concessions	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$0
Total	\$49,200	\$31,898	\$32,900

Committee Reports

Rotary Race

Commissioner Gray informed the Commission that the Rotary Race made over \$2,500 this year. Gray mentioned that the race route will have to change for the next two years due to road construction. Therefore, he plans to let the CARA certification expire. He is also working with the Rotary Club to find additional support.

Bike Parade

Commissioner Butera thanked the Public Works Department for sweeping the Rosemary Terrace parking lot prior to the event. Butera also mentioned that Eriks Bike Shop plans to do more as a sponsor next year. Overall, attendance was down, but that was expected due to the heat.

Dog Show

Committee Member Herb Isaacs said the event went very well. All 3 sponsors were excellent and all participants received treats. He looks forward to another great event next year.

Poster Contest

Committee Member Esther Finne said the poster contest was a success with a large number of participants. She looks forward to planning the event again next year.

Flower Show

Committee Member Youngberg relayed to the Commission that the number of participants was up this year. She also thanked the Park District for providing the space and setting up the event. Youngberg additionally mentioned that participants asked if the entry hours of 7am-9am could be extended. Therefore, she is considering changing the hours to 8am-10am. She will discuss the updated hours with her volunteers and the Park District before making the change.

Optimist Sale

Sales were down this year but that was most likely due to the heat. Commissioner Geuder requested that the Commission consider decreasing wristband prices to \$10 for the final hour of rides beginning at 2pm. There were no objections to decreasing the wristband prices.

Commissioner Butera recommended the installation of a sign along the lines of “subject to weather” on the ticket tent. Due to the heat this past summer, some wristband purchases complained that the rides were too hot to ride and inquired if a refund was possible.

Parade

Commissioner Geuder informed the Commission that the parade was overall a success. However, Geuder mentioned that there was a large amount of candy thrown during the parade. Geuder will remind the participants next year that candy cannot be thrown.

Bazaar

Liaison Keenan relayed to the Commission that the Bazaar was overall a success. He also thanked Commissioner Coughenour for volunteering the morning of the event to assigned vendors their spot. However, unless a Commissioner agrees to take over the event, the Bazaar will be cancelled next year.

Entertainment/Rides

Commissioner Butera informed the Commission that the rides were once again a success. The Commission also discussed Ryan Miller’s proposal as a group and would like to attend an upcoming event. The group also asked Liaison Keenan to contact Ryan for a list of upcoming events. Keenan agreed and will send the list to the Commission once he receives it.

Fireworks

Liaison Keenan mentioned that the fireworks show received many compliments from attendees. Keenan will contact Mad Bomber Fireworks to obtain a 2019 contract for \$12,500.

Food Vendors

Commissioner Coughenour informed the Commission that the vendors appeared to be doing very well on both July 3rd and 4th. He mentioned that the Pancake Breakfast was great and he was happy that the same group would be back next year.

Park District

Director of Parks Zahn informed the Commission that Jewett Park is currently undergoing a multiyear renovation project. While there will not be an impact next year, it is possible that the layout on July 4th may need to be altered in future years as construction progresses.

Commission Comments

The Commission discussed as a group whether to further investigate the option of including a beer/music tent in the Brickyards Park Parking Lot on July 3rd. Commissioner Geuder motioned to authorize Staff Liaison Keenan to further review the option of including a beer tent on July 3rd. Commissioner Bettiker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting

Monday, October 15th

Adjournment

Commissioner Gray motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Geuder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Justin Keenan, Assistant to the Director of Public Works and Engineering