

## **Downtown Revitalization Committee**

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, October 1, 2020**

**5pm. @ Millpond Park**

The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) met on Thursday September 3, 2020 at 5:00 pm. at the Millpond Park. Present were committee members: Ken Martine, Tony Wallace , Jeff Conger, Travis Rogers, Nicole Rogers and Cindy Knight. Absent was Allison Milbert

Others present: Tim Swiggum, Lorelee Peterson-Owen Public Library and Cindy Cardinal- O-W Enterprise.

Called to order at 5:00 pm. by Martine.

#### **Minutes:**

T. Rogers/Knight motion and second to approve the September 3, 2020 minutes passed unanimously.

#### **Financial Report**

Swiggum reported that the financial report was an estimate but should be very close. He reported a balance of \$4,487.

#### **Train update:**

The Blackhawk Express is pretty much done for the year except for Halloween and Autumnfest. Tim reported that he had not found a caddy for the extension cord but would inquire what Baehr Electric might suggest. Public works will be looking at it to see if it needs any maintenance at this time.

#### **Farmer's Market:**

The Farmer's Market is also done for the year but Lamont Freet intends to sell food for the next two weeks to deplete his stock. It was a good year and Marge Rohland is already planning on next year.

#### **Growin' Owen:**

The Symposium is going on this week. Several have signed up but admittedly are not finding time to spend on line watching and participating. Some new ideas were brought up for next year and Cindy thought that Linda Barna and herself might adopt a little more. We do have several of our volunteers informing us that their availability will be extremely limited next year and we should work to recruit some more. Hanging baskets will be sown soon and the water crew can go on break.

#### **Main Street Banners/Flags:**

Jeff had sent everyone a copy of the proposed design prior to the meeting. He said that the price per banner was more than the \$500 approved previously and that they would come in just under \$50 each. A Wallace/Knight motion/second to approve the design and the cost up to \$750 passed unanimously. Jeff will get them ordered.

#### **Autumnfest:**

Discussion held regarding the event. The Autumnfest subcommittee has met and thought some things need to be decided by the full committee. A Conger/Wallace motion/second to approve an advertising budget of \$100 for each local newspaper, Art Petke expense of \$200, \$200 for expenses and \$230 of Chamber Bucks to use for prizes passed unanimously. Prize Breakdown will be as follows: Chili Cookoff; 1<sup>st</sup>-\$75, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$50, and 3<sup>rd</sup>-\$25; Scarecrow Prize will be \$50 for 1<sup>st</sup> place only; Pie eating Contest will be 1<sup>st</sup>-\$15, 2<sup>nd</sup>-\$10 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$5.

#### **Set Committee meetings:**

##### **Growin' Owen**

##### **Car Show:**

**Autumnfest:** October 7th at 5pm at Red Daisy Girl

**Next meeting** will be held on **November 5th, 2020 at 5pm. at the Owen Public Library.**

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Martine at 5:53 pm.

Submitted by Tim Swiggum