

Downtown Revitalization Committee

Minutes

June 2, 2016

The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) met on Thursday, June 2, 2016, at 6:05 p.m. at city hall. Present were committee members: Kelly Knight, Jill Schindler, Mary Lynn Kiviko, Linda Wyeth, Don Wyeth and Steve Ristola. Absent was Carol Devine.

Others present: Tim Swiggum, Derrick Collier, Pam Ristola, Shannon Clark, Phil Greschner, Rocky Lehr and Cindy Cardinal.

Minutes:

A Ristola/Kiviko motion to approve the minutes from 5/5/16 passed unanimously.

Financial Report

No report was available at this time.

Farmers Market

Derrick Collier gave some updates. We have had a decent customer count and usually 6 or so vendors. Don Wyeth has painted one sign after reinforcing for stability.

Community Garden

Derrick has also been volunteering at the gardens. He suggested that we should compost the horse manure from the Mennonite stalls behind the dentist office. Strawberry and raspberry plants will be coming soon. The strawberry raised bed garden looks good, special thanks to Mike Clark for bringing the timbers and cutting them.

Main Street Car Show and Burnout Contest

The Central Wisconsin ATV Pullers had asked if we were interested in bringing them in during the Car Show. A Ristola/D. Wyeth motion to not add the ATV pulls to our schedule passed unanimously. Radio Control vendors were not interested at this time. Need to obtain sponsors for the show as soon as possible. We also need to make sure the chain for the burnout contest is upgraded and a public address system or bullhorn at least for the burnout contest. Jill and Drew announced that they will be taking a break to get married in the afternoon of the show.

Autumnfest

Shannon and Carol have been working on the vendors. We should look into booking a band at the next meeting. Plans will be ongoing.

Main Street Banners

The O-W Chamber has agreed to allow us to place banners on the Welcome to Owen-Withee signs as you enter town. The Chamber has also agreed to contribute \$50 toward the cost of these banners. A L. Wyeth/Schindler motion to approve up to \$125 of DRC funds toward the banners passed unanimously.

Curb Appeal Contest

Many people have shown interest and at this time we still need to come up with a sign up sheet. People that are interested have been told to take before and after pictures.

New business:

Fair Board Inquiry for 2017:

The theme for this year is Christmas in July. They would like us to encourage more floats for the parade and hopefully businesses will get in the spirit and decorate. In 2017 there may be a need to change the Fair dates due to the carnival not being available. Phil and Rocky asked if it comes to changing the date would we be willing to work with them. A D. Wyeth/Ristola motion to work with the Fair Board to consolidate events if necessary was approved unanimously.

Next meeting will be held on July 7th at 6pm at city hall.

Adjourn

A D. Wyeth/L. Wyeth motion and subsequent vote approved adjournment at 7:12 pm.

Submitted by
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