
NORTH AURORA DAYS COMMITTEE MEETING

MEETING DATE: Monday, June 11, 2018

MEETING TIME: 6:00 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: North Aurora Village Hall, 25 E. State St. North Aurora, IL



AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the North Aurora Days Committee Minutes dated May 14, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of North Aurora Days

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES

OTHER INFORMATION

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

ADJOURN



NORTH AURORA DAYS
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 14, 2018

Call to Order

Mark Gaffino called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Attendance

Mark Gaffino, Kim Haeger, Doug Botkin, Jessi Watkins, Steve Bosco, John Laskowski, Bill Hannah, Robyn Stecklein, Dave Arndt and David Hansen were present.

Approval of Minutes

Kim Haeger made a motion to approve the April 9, 2018 meeting minutes which were seconded by Dave Arndt.

Motion to Approve: All in Favor

Discussion

1. Discussion of Safety Barriers

Public Works Director, John Laskowski, updated the committee on the safety barriers for the event. Laskowski stated that in the past the Village has used jersey barriers, but have been difficult to move during the festival. He mentioned that he reached out to other communities in the area and many use their public work vehicles as safety barriers for events because they are heavier than jersey barriers and are easier to move. The committee agreed that using public works vehicles as safety barriers would be a good substitute to jersey barriers.

2. Discussion of North Aurora Days

Kim Haeger updated the committee on food trucks and volunteers. Haeger mentioned that the food vendors that are locked for Friday and Saturday include Suzie's Fun Foods, Mario's Pizza, Oberweis, Juquilita Tacos, and RS Concessions. At this point, no food vendors have been added for Sunday. The committee shared some resources that could help find more

and expand the search for food trucks. Haeger also stated that two volunteers have signed up and that she will reach out to the School Districts and asked the Village to continue to post volunteer information on the community sign.

Haeger also updated the committee on the beer options for the event. Haeger stated that Superior's beer prices could save the Village approximately \$1,500 compared to last year's beer distributor prices. Superior would offer Bud Light, Michelob Ultra, Virtue Cider, Shock Top, and Goose Island IPA. Superior is also willing to sponsor the event with a \$2,000 donation along with purchasing a State Street Banner, a \$300 value. Thus, the total benefit compared to last year would be \$1,500 in savings and a \$2,300 sponsorship. The Village has used Euclid Beverages for the past few years which has offered Miller Lite, Coors Lite, Angry Orchard Cider, Leinenkugel's Summer Shandy, and Rebel IPA. The North Aurora Days committee mentioned that they are willing to go with Superior. Haeger said that she would reach out to Euclid to see what their best pricing would be.

The committee also discussed wristbands and basset training for workers working the beer tent. The committee discussed whether to pay for unique and more expensive wristbands that they have used in the past or ask the beer supplier to supply wristbands that were somewhat customized so that they could not be easily replicated. The committee said that they will make a decision in the future on whether they will buy the same ones from the past or would let the beer supplier provide them. Steve Bosco stated that the State requires a certain amount of workers to have completed basset training and that at least one worker per shift, working the beer tent, should complete basset training. Haeger said that the beer tent workers will look into it and make sure at least one person per shift, if not all workers, will be Basset trained.

Jessi Watkins and Steve Bosco updated the committee on carnival amusements and activities. Watkins stated that Bluegrass rides will provide about a dozen rides and tickets will be used for each ride except the Eurobungy where Bluegrass will take cash directly. Village Administrator, Steve Bosco, stated that the Village Board approved the contract, the contract is signed, and that deposit check has been sent to Bluegrass via mail. Bosco also stated that Oak Street would be closed starting at 6pm on the Thursday, August 2nd, due to the set-up for the amusements which will begin at 7pm, and will re-opened early Sunday morning since the amusements will be taken down immediately following the event on Saturday night. Watkins mentioned that wristbands will be from 2-6 pm on Saturday.

Watkins also updated the committee on face painters, balloon artist, and the Run for the Riverfront event. She said that the face painter will be there 2pm-6pm on Saturday, the balloon artist will be there 3pm-6pm on Saturday, and the Run for the Riverfront registration is open online. Watkins also asked if the Village has ordered port-o-lets for the Run for the Riverfront event. Laskowski said that he would double check, but is pretty sure it has been done.

Doug Botkin updated the committee on the events. He stated that the emergency vehicle parade will be on the existing route and will be staged in the same area as last year. He also mentioned that the registration is available online for the pet parade and he is working on getting the softball registration posted. Botkin also stated that preparation for Touch-a-truck and the safety check is underway. He asked if the Village could get more port-o-lets for the fishing derby and touch a truck if they haven't so already. Botkin also asked about the bags tournament. Haeger said that she would talk to Noonan's in the upcoming week to see if they would be interested in hosting the event. Mark Gaffino asked if we could get a few more picnic tables from Mooseheart. Laskowski said that he will ask Mooseheart if we can have a few more which would put the total picnic table count to around 50.

Dave Arndt updated the committee on the website and how the community sign will start displaying sponsors on June 1st. Bill Hannah stated that sponsorships are looking good so far and in line with past years in regards to sponsorship amounts. The committee mentioned that the goal for sponsorships this year is \$50,000 which is slightly up from last year's. Kim Heager asked about the beer tent hours. The committee said it will be the same as the previous years: Friday 5pm-midnight and Saturday 2pm to midnight. Steve Bosco stated that the Village will be sending the Carnival permit to Bluegrass rides to fill out in the coming week, fireworks are all good to go, and that the planning for Sunday's 'Party in the Park' is going well. The group discussed that Sunday's application fee for Food Trucks and Margarita vendors will be \$125 apiece. Jessi Watkins asked about the gaming truck and petting zoo from last year. The committee stated that the gaming truck would be good to have again this year, but the petting zoo will not happen again due to the lack of space from the carnival rides.

Adjournment

John Laskowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. which was seconded by Dave Arndt.

Motion to Adjourn: All in Favor

Respectfully Submitted,
David Hansen