

**SPECIAL EVENTS
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – JULY 16, 2020**

Present: Michael Dougherty, Peggy Schneider, Candy Moore, and Jim Reilly.

Absent:Heidy Eisert, Sherra Blakely, Wayne Eichelkraut, and Jani Eichelkraut

Minutes: On a motion by Candy and second by Mike, minutes from the June meeting were approved.

Financial Report: The report showed a total of \$760 spent on Music in the Park thus far, and a \$10,000 allocation to the City of Ottawa for July 4 fireworks security. A total of \$32,240 remains.

Action: on a motion by Mike and second by Candy, the financial report was approved.

Old Business:

Music in the Park 2020: Members reviewed the July 11 event. Attendance was strong, about equal to pre-pandemic concerts with more than 200 counted in the audience. The audience included people from Earlville, Streator, Chicago, and other communities. A storm held off through the evening and hit after the crowd left and the band was packing up. People maintained social distance. Several people came up to members hoping for more concerts.

Action: At the direction of Commissioner Wayne and with support from the committee, three more concerts were scheduled. Peggy contacted bands that had been scheduled in the original lineup, and secured Radium City Rebels (July 25), The Flat Cats (August 8) and Mary and the Troublemakers (August 18). They will be paid the fees originally agreed, which will bring the MIP total to \$3,300 for music. **(Note: subsequently, two more bands were added: Wild Daisy on August 22 and Ray's Rockets on August 29. Again repeating the original financial arrangement, that brings the MIP cost for entertainment to \$5,500. A six-night lineup compares to a traditional season of 8-9 nights.)**

Summer activities: Heidy's written report indicated that Art in the Park and a La Salle County Cruisers car show (both events usually associated with Riverfest) will occur August 1. Additionally, Tangled Roots Brewing has scheduled musical entertainment Fridays, Saturday and Sunday nights.

Children's activities: None are scheduled, but Jim reported the city is still looking strongly at a kite-flying event, which can be organized by an outside company specializing in such events.

Adjournment: 6:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy Schneider