

Town of St. Germain
Independence Day Committee, Meeting Minutes via Zoom
November 2, 2021

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Cookie Lough at 5:30 pm
2. **Meeting posting verification:** Meeting agenda was posted October 31, 2021
3. **Roll Call – confirm quorum.** Ted Ritter, Jim Swenson, Jeff Sauer, Cookie Lough, Joann Dewig, June Vogel and in room 5 of Community Center and 1 community members via zoom.
4. **Public Comments** None.
5. **Approve minutes of October 5, 2021** Motion by Sauer to approve minutes as approved; second Swenson. Discussion none. By voice vote, all in favor.
6. **Review Committee page on town website** Ted needs pictures of events to update website page.
7. **Items held over or suggested from October 5th meeting for discussion on 11/2:**
 - a. **Tree trimming, raking of lawn and pinecones, lights in pavilion** Kalissa Mortag will peruse the trees and discuss with DPW, will be trimmed accordingly. Raking of lawn and pinecones to be accomplished by DPW next year.
 - b. **Possibility of wi-fi in pavilion** No update. Jim will reach out to Ted at ChoiceTel.
 - c. **Parade awards (types), them of event and date.** Discussion of other options vs 1st, 2nd, 3rd and crowd pleaser. Discussed whether when signing up to be in the parade they need to indicate if they want to be judged or could every entry be judged.
 - d. **Budget confirmation and date of event confirmation.** Independence day comes out of community development and room tax monies. 2022 event confirmed for July 3, 2022.
8. **Committee reports:**
 - a. Color Guard – Cookie has a call in for color guard for 2022.
 - b. Permits – Typically May/June time frame; Jim Swenson.
 - c. Grand Marshal – Nomination paperwork out in February, vote in March; June Vogel
 - d. Parade music/DJ – Larry Dunst, play prior to and not during parade and afterwards; Jim Swenson
 - e. Parade walkers -- St Germain Evangelical Free Church; Jeff Sauer
 - f. Fly over – UCC; Ken Dahnke
 - g. Food/Entertainment/bouncy Lions Club – work in progress; Ken Dahnke
 - h. Brass quartet vs marching bands funding by Primetimers; Barb Steinhilber
 - i. Parade plaques - June Vogel Use what is on Tom Marten’s plaque, include Independence Day Celebration, for logo.
 - j. Music for fireworks – Larry Dunst; Jim Swenson
 - k. Traffic control/parade line up - Ted Ritter, Jeff Sauer
 - l. Publicity/media coverage – Chamber to continue newspaper/radio spots; June Vogel
 - m. Parade Theme – Everyone to think about for discussion at another meeting.
 - n. Freedom 5K – Blue Raven race productions; Anne Small
 - o. Events – JoAnne working on calling. Kraft’s Kuddly Kritters, Great Lakes Climbing, reenactment, Lumber Jack Tree Service demonstrations, Trees for Tomorrow, Top of

Hill Huskies, Vilas County Canine unit, DNR game warden, loon watch, Smokey the Bear; other ideas discussed. Change it up a bit so it doesn't become the same year after year, keep attracting.

- p. Porta Potties at Walker, laundromat and T Bird; Jim Swenson
- q. Walker's parking lot as staging; Jim Swenson
- r. Sentry space for judges; June Vogel
- s. Pontoon for judges; June Vogel
- t. Vilas County Sheriff; Jim Swenson

9. Discussion of actions to improve parade/public safety.

10. Develop a time-oriented to-do list for the 2022 event, identify committees and review individual committee assignments. Will start this discussion at the next meeting.

11. Committee member concerns and items for future agendas. Recommendation for Canine donation. Banner and poster designs.

12. Next meeting date: December 7, 2021 at 5:30 pm

13. Adjourn at 6:14 PM