

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
Celtic Fest Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 8, 2025

4 pm – The Club at the NOW Arena

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Jenn at approximately 4:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Jenn Djordjevic
Joane McLeod
Doris Harner
Craig Kuehne
Linda Scheck
Mayor McLeod

Absent

Mayor Chris Nelson

Staff Liaison

Patrick Seger

Guest

Michaela Souronis
Alicia Guerrero
Brian Fulkerson
Lauren Kincannon
Lon Harner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve June 3, 2025, was made by Mayor McLeod and seconded by Joane McLeod and all commission members were in favor.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Ben Gibbs provided the commission with an update regarding the event layout which included several separate smaller tents for vendors such as Chicago Sword Play, ballon artist and face painter. He indicated that the corgi race will be relocated to the south side of the main tent which is different than last year's location and the Hoffman Estates Park District has committed to loan 4 – 50-person bleacher stands so spectators can watch the corgi event. Also, within the main tent the plan is to have the whiskey tasting event space in the south corner of the tent which is different than last year as the tasting was on the same side of the tent as the entertainment stage.

Discussion occurred further as Linda shared that she is concerned that some of the vendors that have participated in the past have either declined the opportunity or have not gotten back to her to confirm attendance. Depending on the number of vendors that are confirmed by Friday the 11th, it may impact the current layout of the tent.

Linda will contact Ben no later than Monday July 14th with the updated vendor list and Ben and his team will reconfigure, if appropriate, given the vendor list. Linda indicated that only Clan McFralin of the various clans invited have confirmed. She will reach out to all remaining vendors who have not confirmed this week.

Patrick provided an update to the commission regarding the entertainment line up on the Hideaway Stage in the brew garden. Ken Dix, They Might Be Irish had a conflict and would need to leave early due to a Wedding and was unable to come to the event. Patrick worked with Whiskey Mick, one of the bands playing that afternoon and they agreed to swap start times with Ken which will allow the Ken Dix, They Might Be Irish band to still participate however, in an earlier time slot. Linda Sheck requested an updated entertainment line up and Patrick agreed to provide.

V. NEW BUSINESS
No new business.

Mayor McLeod made a motion for meeting adjournment, and it was seconded by Joane and all commission members were in favor. Meeting adjourned approximately 4:45p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at the Hideaway Brew Garden.