

**THE VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES**  
**4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday, March 12, 2026**

**In Attendance:** Linda Scheck Mayor Bill McLeod  
Pawel Sienko Joanne Ha  
Ben Gibbs

**Excused:** Amy Decker  
Craig Kuehne  
Karrie Miletic  
Kevin McGraw – Public Works Department  
Sue Tompkins – Finance Department  
Brian Fulkerson – Levy representative

**Village Staff:** Dan O'Malley, Deputy Village Manager  
Jon Pape – Assistant Village Manager  
Hallie Karle – Administrative Events Assistant – General Government  
Alicia Guerrero – Levy representative  
Adam Marak – Police Department  
Michala Souronis – NOW Arena

**Guest:** None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Linda called the meeting to order at 4:04pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Pawel made a motion, seconded by Ben to approve the minutes from the **February 12, 2026** meeting, vote taken, motion carried, minutes approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

Move to committee reports

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Commission welcomed a new member, Joanne Ha. Commission members introduced themselves and briefly described the part of organizing the parade and fest they work on.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**SPONSORS** – Pawel reported that Elgin Kia was happy with their logo placement in the drone show and will return as Drone Show sponsor in a three-year commitment beginning at \$12,500, second year \$13,000, third year \$13,500. He is in talks with Wintrust, Main Event and Cabela's. Pawel projected \$36,000 in sponsorship support in 2026.

**PARADE** – Hallie announced the parade theme selected by the Commission through their ballot vote: **Celebrating 250 Years, From Sea to Shining Sea**. Phil Green has been invited to announce the parade again. Linda Dressler will represent the Park District as co-announcer.

**MARKETING** – no report

**KIDS ZONE** – Karrie emailed a recap of contracted activity providers and entertainers she has finalized. Copies were distributed.

**ENTERTAINMENT** – Ben shared a draft of a video they are creating for marketing purposes. The video was reviewed – needs to slow down – not over promise on drone show footage but well received at first look. Links to the video will be sent to the commission asking that feedback be sent to Ben .ASAP

The main stage line up with be:

Friday, July 3rd – Hello Weekend to open for 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven – Fireworks night

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> – David’s House opening for Rod Tuff & the Bench Press – Drone Show night

**BEER** – Linda requested that the large tent be confirmed as a beer tent to draw guests to the food vendor tent area. Ben will provide picnic tables.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – no report

**CARNIVAL/FIREWORKS/DRONE SHOW** – Dan advised that the soundtrack for the fireworks show has been confirmed. The staging area typically used for fireworks might have to move due to anticipated construction on the current site. Dan and Jon have explored other options. Dan and John have been in contact with the new drone show vendor requesting quicker timing between image changes – we will show fewer logos and concentrate on dynamic patriotic images. Carnival will most likely be onsite from Wednesday through Sunday – TBD.

**BINGO** – no report

**POLICE** – no report

**FOOD VENDORS/VOLUNTEERS** – Linda shared a recap with contacts for all food vendors who have responded as of March. Deadline is April 15. 6 food trucks have been booked. Space limits vendors booths to 9 in the tented food booths. Moretti’s, El Taurine/DiBenedetto’s and El Fuego are still pending, 6 of the 9 available spaces are confirmed.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Next meeting will be **Thursday, April 9, 2026** at 4:00pm at Village Hall.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Joanne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ben, vote taken, motion carried, meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

Respectfully submitted – Linda Scheck, Food/Volunteer chair