

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
Celtic Fest Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 5, 2026

4 pm – Regan Room – Village Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present

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

Absent

Mayor Chris Nelson

Staff Liaison

Patrick Seger
Cathy Doczekalski

Guest

Casey Wintz
Michaela Souronis
Clare McCardle
Jr. Abad
Brian Fulkerson
Casey Wintz
Lauren Kincammon
Alicia Guerrero

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve April 7, 2026, minutes was made by Mayor McLeod and seconded by Craig, and all commission members were in favor. Motion passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Linda reported that the tent is filling up nicely. She discussed signature T-shirt with a vendor. Color Your Own. Ben asked Linda to send e-mail to Craig regarding a percent share of selling T-shirt. Irish Collection is coming back again this year. Linda provided the sizes of the inflatables to Machala. Galway Bakers will be attending again. Thrive will be coming back again.

Patrick provided an entertainment update. As of last meeting, Ken Dix – they might be Irish cannot attend this year. So, Patrick reached out to Frank Palanek and he was unable to attend this year's event but would like to attend next year if possible. Patrick communicated to manager of On the Lash and they are available and we will get a proposal from them. Also, e-mail and voice messages have been sent to the Larken and Moran Brothers. They have not gotten back to him yet. Craig provided the new artwork for this year's Shenanigans on the Green. The commission liked the artwork.

Craig also indicated that other socials would break out the various events that take place, the dog race, family activities, and Celtic entertainment along with Whiskey Tasting.

The menu and the drink specials were shared with the commission for this year's event. Chair Jenn Djordjevic suggested that the commission have a specialty drink called the Patrick to recognize his time on the Celtic Fest Commission. The commission agreed.

Ben discussed the timing of the Kilt contest which will occur in the stadium at approximal 4 p.m. He will announce during the lead up to the Corgi races.

Michaela provided the event layout. Linda and Michaela will work on finalizing the location of the various attractions. Discussion took place as to where the farm animals and the mini horses. Horses and birds will be under one tent, and the dogs will be located separately. Farm will include cows and lamas. Approximately 20 to 24 different animals. The plan is to have them under the 10X20 tents. Lauren to coordinate with Linda on all animals attended and the tents that are needed. Birds will be in a 10X10 tent.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Joanne made a motion for meeting adjournment, and it was seconded by Mayor McLeod, and all commission members were in favor. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2026, at Village Hall in the Regan Conference Room.