

**VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
PLATZKONZERT COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 21, 2024**

Members in Attendance:

Gary Pilafas, Chair
Ken Busch
Linda Dressler
Gene Walters
Wendy Schmidt

Members Absent:

Mike Cahoj
Alex Summerfelt
Yousuf Ahmed

Others in Attendance:

Jeremey Janhke, Public Works
Ben Gibbs-Phone
Craig Kuehne
Lauren Kincannon
Arturo Abod
Kayla London
Hallie Karle

I. Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairman Pilafas called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes – Commissioner Dressler made a motion to defer approval of the minutes from September 3, 2024. Seconded by Ken Busch. Motion approved by voice vote.

II. New Business

2024 Platzkonzert Germanfest recap

Topic Areas:

- 1) Site layout: Overall site layout was good. Feedback included to add more lighting under larger tent. For 2025 add additional chairs for Sunday depending on Bears game, and also a larger tent. Discussed options for storing Platzkonzert items in a different place.
- 2) Entertainment: Entertainment was great. Notice an increase in Saturday night attendance vs. last year. Discussed other options for 2025 including band options, and possibility to add fireworks.

- 3) Food/Beverage: Discussed pricing of product and for next year making changes to beer and food menu. Discussed kid friendly food options to have closer to Kinderplatz. Action – Less beer options in 2025 (10 in 2024). No large pretzels in 2025. Less dessert. They mentioned what sold/what didn't.
Food Cost – Linda mentioned the cost is getting too high for families/kids. Ben mentioned they can do a different kids menu next year. Action – Kids menu (Ben).
- 4) Kinderplatz: Went well this year. Discussed having more volunteers for next year.
- 5) Volunteers: Discussed needing more volunteers with games and Kinderplatz.
- 6) Additional Discussion:
 - a. Tent lighting – Only 1 person brought this to Gary's attention. The comment was, if it was a committee member, it would have held a higher weight. No action.
 - b. Tent Size – 100x60 in 2023, 60x80 in 2024. It was brought up do we go w/a larger tent. Action – Not sure if any decisions were made.
 - c. Tent Water Barrels – Jeremy mentioned that he was told that having water barrels was a code violation. Action – Find a new solution for 2025 (Jeremy).
 - d. Storage – Jeremy mentioned storage. I believe the action was that the Platzkonzert items would be stored in a different location? I'll ask Gary for the action.
 - e. Bears Game – Jeremy mentioned adding more chairs for the Bears game attendees and/or a new location for the screen. Action – Not sure if any decisions were made. We are not sure of the Bears game start time for 2025.
 - f. Commercial – Linda mentioned the Platzkonzert is getting too commercial. She doesn't want to be a part of the commission if this continues but she wants to be. Action – None.
 - g. Bands – Ben mentioned he will do 2 bands in 2025 for Friday night. Linda brought up having only German bands to stay w/the German theme. Action- He will investigate other bands (Ben)
 - h. Bathroom Renovation – This will be after the Platzkonzert in 2025.

III. Next Meeting Date

Commission to meet March 2025.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 pm. Motion to adjourn made by Linda Dressler and seconded by Gene Walters.