

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
Celtic Fest Commission
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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
Joane McLeod
Mayor McLeod
Doris Harner
Craig Kuehne

Absent

Mayor Chris Nelson
Ben Gibbs
Linda Scheck

Staff Liaison

Patrick Seger

Guest

Michaela Souronis
Bryan, Food and Beverage Manager – Levy
Junior – representing Levy as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve March 4, 2025, minutes was made by Mayor and seconded by Joane and all commission members were in favor.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT-

No comment.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Ben was unable to attend the meeting, however, he provided a written report for the commission as follows and entered into the record by Patrick and Jenn.

- Chicago Swordplay: Here is their proposed expanded presence:
 - **Medieval fighting:** 1:00pm - 1:30pm
 - **Kids class:** 1:30pm - 2:00pm
 - **Arming the knight:** 2:00pm - 3:00pm
 - **Casual Sparring:** 3:00pm - 3:30pm
 - **Fighting the Knight:** 3:30pm - 4:00pm
 - **Kids class:** 4:00pm - 4:30pm

- **Medieval Fighting:** 4:30pm - 5:00pm
- Additional Park District Tent: Similar to Platz, the Park District will be providing their tent for use. I believe Michaela is putting animals in this tent.
- Princess Tea: I've received the proposal for the Princess Tea to be a photo area and meet & greet. I'm reviewing now. As discussed, they'll be located in the tippi area.
- Reptile Petting Zoo: This is confirmed, just need to confirm where to locate and how much space they require.
- Whiskey Tasting: Confirmed
- Corgi Racing: Confirmed - The park district is loaning us bleachers, which should improve the sightlines. We'll start registering for racers six weeks from the event.
- Ben rented a medieval tent that will house the sword play and we are also getting a tent from the park district.

The map was shared with the commission by Michaela which included the bleachers provided by the park district. The commission reviewed the Map and did not have any questions.

Linda was not able to participate in the meeting, however, provided a written report which was read to the commission by Jean.

The activity rentals, face painter and balloon artists paperwork has been forwarded for processing/payment.

When the live animal applications come in I'm anticipating the requested donations:

Soul Harbor - \$1500
Wings and Talons - \$600
Irish Wolfhounds-\$600

Patrick provided an update on the entertainment event.

All entertainment contracts have been finalized, and the list of entertainers will be provided to Craig by the deadline to be marketed.

Craig provided an update on the marketing, and he indicated that he started, however, not yet complete face book page HoffmanShannigans.com

Jenn requested that a sponsor page be built on the home page and Craig indicated that he will work on that.

Jenn indicated that she anticipates other sponsors from the past to participate in the event this year. She will be following up with a few of them.

Joane reminded Craig that we will need to have Way finder banners or signs for the event. Craig indicated that his team would have those for the event.

No new business to discuss and the Mayor called for meeting adjournment and seconded by Joane and all commission members were in favor. Meeting adjourned approximately 4:20 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at the Village Hall.