

HIGHLAND MAIN STREET MEETING
Highland Town Hall- Highland, Indiana 46322
MAY 4, 2017 MINUTES

Call to Order

At 6:36 PM, the Highland Main Street (HMS) meeting was called to order by President Dawn Diamantopoulos at Highland Town Hall, 3333 Ridge Road in Highland, Indiana.

Roll Call:

The following were present: Board Members Dawn Diamantopoulos, Marie Russo, Julie Larson, Lola McKay, Mario DeGeorge, Doug Van Ramshorst and Redevelopment Assistant Lance Ryskamp. Board Members Mary Wells and Darlene Barron were absent. Also, present at the meeting were Theresa Pecsek, as well as Michael Vanes and Lee Kause from the Car Cruise Committee.

Minutes:

Marie Russo made a motion, seconded by Lola McKay, to approve minutes from the April 6, 2017. The motion passed 6-0.

Town Theatre Board:

No report.

Explorer's Group

No report.

Highland Rookery

Lance reported that there had been some recent vandalism at the Rookery. The Park Department replaced the lenses on the binoculars and there had been a post and sign on the trail damaged.

Pop-Up Gallery

Dawn reported that the Pop-Up Gallery at First Midwest Bank was set for Thursday, May 18th from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. She said that there will be 10 to 12 pieces of art from each of the artists presenting.

Coupon Program

No report.

Car Cruise

It was discussed how far in advance of the event security should be put in place and it was decided that police security should be requested two hours in advance of the event. Theresa said she would be available to assist at the 5th and Highway entrance. Michael Vanes reported that he was going to get prize buckets from Van Senus and Brumm's for the event. Lance said there were T-shirts left over from past events, with all of them either "Large" or "Medium" sizes. Lola and Doug said they would volunteer to sell T-shirts during the event. It was also decided that Michael would look at getting the minimum number of new shirts possible for sale. Lance said that if shirts are to

be sold, close attention would be needed to make sure receipts were given for every shirt purchased. Michael asked if the banners from Pepsi were at the Public Works garage. Lance said he would have to check on that.

Festival of the Trail

No report.

Façade Improvement Grant

Lance reported that the 2017 program was to be approved by the Redevelopment Commission at their next meeting.

Cash Mobs

No report.

Municipal Parking Lot

No report.

Poet Laureate

It was reported that Janine Harrison was going to be recognized, along with outgoing Poet Laureate, Lily Rex, at the May 22nd Town Council meeting.

Sculpture and Art Tour of Highland

Lance said that the sculpture's installation was being scheduled for the following week on Highway Avenue. He also reported that the second downtown mural design had been approved. The submission was from Highland resident and artist, Jessica Haug, and the mural is scheduled to be finished by June 3rd.

Applications for Highland Main Street Board for 2017

Lance reported that a request has been made to have a new representative from the Chamber chosen.

Highland Main Street Ordinance

No report.

2017 Work Plan

No report.

Discussion

Purchasing volunteer t-shirts for the Car Cruise was discussed. Also, Dawn reported that at the last Explorer's meeting, the group was working with Poet Laureate, Janine Harrison, to plan a poetry slam in the near future. Lance reported to the members that Director Cecile Petro announced that she would be retiring on June 9th.

Adjournment

Doug made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Julie, and approved a voice vote of 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.