



Village Of Homewood  
Rail Committee  
for December 2, 2015 Meeting

Village Board Room  
2020 Chestnut  
Homewood, IL 60430

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## CALL TO ORDER:

Phil Dillman called the meeting to order 7:06 p.m.

## ROLL CALL:

Wally Heins, Phil Dillman, and Joe Kroll

**Not in Attendance:** Tom Grant and Trustee Jay Heiferman

**Board and Staff Liaison in attendance:** Village Staff Allisa Opyd

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Dilman and was seconded by Krol to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2015 meeting.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

## AGENDA ITEMS:

### A. 2015 Year Review

**Rail Fest, May 16:** Kroll thought the event was a success. The mayor wanted more families to attend the event and Kroll believes that was achieved. The photo cut-out of the train was great for families as well. Dillman would like to see more Homewood rail history represented. Kroll wanted to know is it possible to have Lil Obie drive fest visitors over to the caboose on Park Avenue. The group did receive negative feedback there was no slide show. Paul Burgess was the coordinator of the slide show. The committee would like to consider having the slide show again. Dillman suggested we offer additional tables for the vendors. Food vendors should not be in the auditorium.

### B. 2016 Meeting Schedule

Opyd discussed with the Rail Committee the 2016 meeting schedule.

- February 3
- April 6
- May 14
- August 3
- October 5
- November 2

## **C. Rail Fest 2016**

The group discussed that we need to have more layouts inside the auditorium. Look at having the layouts inside and the rail vendors under a large enclosed tent, placed on Martin Avenue, between the hotel and the Homewood Science Center. Possibly offer more food. Determine an easier way to get people over to the caboose. Consider having the event two days, layout vendors will consider working with the village because it will be worth the set-up time. Send a survey to the participants from 2015 as to what programming they would like at the event.

## **D. Discuss 2016 Events**

- Rail Fest: May 21
- Hobo Night: October 8
- Possible Santa at the Caboose on December 3, 2016

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION:**

**NEXT MEETING:** February 3, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:30 PM a motion was made by Dillman and seconded by Hein to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allisa Opyd  
Events Manager, Staff Liaison