



Village Of Homewood
Rail Committee
for February 3, 2016 Meeting

Village Board Room
2020 Chestnut
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

Phil Dillman called the meeting to order 7:09 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Wally Hein, Phil Dillman, and Lyle Ashford

Not in Attendance: Tom Grant, Joe Krol, Bill Woelfel 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 of the December 2, 2015 meeting by Dilman and was seconded by Hein; with the following corrections:

Hein is spelled without a "s" at the end and Dillman is spelled with two "l"s.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Introductions of the newest member of the Rail Committee: Lyle Ashford is a Homewood resident and comes to the committee with great knowledge of the train industry. Lyle is an employee of CN, he specializes in operating crew work assignments. We welcome Lyle to our team!

B. Rail Days: The event will be held on May 21, from 9AM to 3PM. The Rail Committee reviewed the application that will be sent to vendors and layout vendors. The group liked the idea of continuing with \$50 gas card to attract more layouts. The group discussed having the layouts in the auditorium and placing the vendors in an enclosed tent on Martin Avenue, adjacent to the auditorium. The tent will have sides to protect from the elements. Opyd asked the group to talk to their layout contacts about joining the event. Opyd updated the group that we are unable to have Lil Obie this year; however, we will still have a trackless train for families to ride on. We will also not have the Lionel train group, from New Lenox, because they are remodeling their layouts. Last year, they donated five opportunities to run a layout at their facility as part of a raffle drawing. Opyd will reach out to food vendors for the event. Mama and Me and Bakewell Bakery joined the event last year. Ashford gave to Opyd CN contacts to join the event.

- C. Annual Report:** The group reviewed and made name spelling corrections to the report and then approved it to send to the Village Board.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Hein handed out 2016 Rail Committee membership. Opyd to give to Trustee Heiferman and Mayor Hofeld.
2. Opyd was informed Bill Woelfel still lives in Homewood; however, his emails are not going through. Opyd will mail information to Woelfel.
3. Opyd asked for volunteers to represent the Rail Committee at Chocolate Fest, part of the Bake-Off competition. Opyd will bake a dessert and the team will hand out samples and save the date flyers at the event.
4. Hein asked Opyd to send to the group the New Lenox Lionel train group contact information.

NEXT MEETING: April 6, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Allisa Opyd
Events Manager, Staff Liaison