



Village Of Homewood
Rail Committee
for April 6, 2016 Meeting

Village Board Room
2020 Chestnut
Homewood, IL 60430

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Grant called the meeting to order 7:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Wally Hein, Phil Dillman, Lyle Ashford, Joe Krol, Bill Woelfel, Tom Grant

Not in Attendance: Trustee Jay Heiferman

Board and Staff Liaison in attendance: Village Staff Allisa Opyd

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made at the end of the meeting to approve the minutes of the February 3 meeting by Dillman and was seconded by Ashford.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments made at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Rail Days:** The event will be held on May 21, from 9AM to 3PM. The Rail Committee reviewed the event applications that been received. Opyd reviewed with the group (3) 30 x 30 tents have been ordered for vendors on Martin Ave. Krol said he has more vendor contacts to join the event. Opyd can order another 30 x 30 tent for Martin Avenue, (8) 8' tables will fit in a 30 x 30 tent. Krol will give Opyd names of vendors to call. Opyd reviewed the crafts and the programming for the day. Five train layouts have been confirmed for the event and should fill most of the auditorium. It was suggested to have the Boy Scouts extend their layout to fill the extra space. The group would like to have the trackless train ride throughout downtown Homewood. The group discussed concerns of having the train travel in downtown Homewood: The train is not Little Obie and we have not worked with this train group. We really do not know if the train is better in a parking lot or sturdy enough to go a distance on the street. Opyd will review with the police.

- B. Signs:** The group discussed having directional signs to assist visitors with maneuvering throughout the event to the additional programming. Opyd can have signs created and place them on A-frames. Signs can be placed at the train station to direct visitors to the caboose, by Starbucks to promote the event, and to the viewing platform at Harwood Ave.

- C. Homewood Rail Fest T-Shirts: The group would like to have brown shirts printed with orange lettering (Illinois Central colors). The group could not decide as to what to have printed on the shirts. Opyd will order the shirts and at the next meeting the group can determine what to have printed, for example volunteer.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

NEXT MEETING: May 4, at 7:00 PM in the Village Board Room

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Allisa Opyd
Events Manager, Staff Liaison