

Dundee Mill and Park Partners Minutes – Wednesday, October 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Pat Brown, Pres.

Directors present: Maureen Beck, Larry Brown, Susan Hafferman, Tom Hinchcliff, Debbie Lavey, Jean Timple, and Karen Wenger.

Minutes from September 11, 2024, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Checking - BOH -\$17,316.11 and Money Market BOH - \$21,038.20.

Updated Partner list provided by Pat.

Old Business

PROJECTS:

1. Garden Shed: No new permit has been issued. Troy will confirm dimensions. To date, no call has been received from the inspector.
2. Engraved Brick Fund Raiser: Suggestion made that stair framework be updated; will need to factor that into installation costs. Will need to again outreach to Dean Kranig about his costs for installation. Brick inscription would be east facing (safety issue). The committee needs to meet sometime in November in order to launch at the Love Light event on December 14.
3. Trash Gate: Outcroppings- continue to work on scheduling something with Dean Kranig regarding completion. Rake – unsure if it has been ordered at this time. Will need to follow up with Troy.
4. May Murphy Mill History: Committee continues to meet and will be a winter project.
5. Display Case Lighting: Troy has rope lights; still needs to be installed.
6. Menard Tax Free Account: Sue continues to work on this. Inquiry made about using tax free status for purchase of pavilion curtains.
7. OKTOBERFEST Committee Report:
 - **Preliminary** Net Proceeds: \$6,438.47. Final accounting to be reported at the next meeting. Tom requested a 2023-2024 comparison be made.
 - All present agreed the pavilion sidewall curtains, as well as the self-guided tour signs, were a favorable addition.
 - Signage: Feather signs were too expensive; Larry had made some. Regarding the bill for signage, Tom indicated event and tour signage needs to be kept separate.
 - Food: With the 15% increase, food was sold out by the end of day. Discussion about whether brats for next year's event will be obtained from Loehr's or Eden Meat Market. Food options for children were discussed; it was suggested attendees could utilize Hamburger Haus. Other food options were discussed; consensus was that any other options (i.e., food trucks) could not compete with what the organization already offers at the event.
 - Beer: It was felt that sales last year were better. Different arrangements were necessary this year as a result of a logistical difficulty in 2023.
 - Band: Comments from some attendees and committee members were that the band last year was somewhat better. Alternative band options were discussed: It was felt the

Goodtime Dutchman heavily saturates the area. Copper Box was suggested- price was a concern as well as possible lack of space for a larger crowd. Larry indicated he would outreach to see what they charge. **Motion made** by Sue, seconded by Deb, to provide up to \$1200 for 2025's band.

- Bake Sale: Sales down because selection was down considerably. It did sell out, however, by the end of day. Suggestion made to have a coffee vendor participate to coincide with bakery sale.
- Mill Apparel: Sales were very good, and a limited supply remains. Discussion about forming a committee to design a new logo and options.
- Raffles: Suggestion made to make pricing simpler and finding raffle buckets that stack, versus current cans, for easier storage. Table layout for Raffle tickets, apparel and bakery worked well. Majority of baskets were/have been delivered to winners at the time of tonight's meeting.
- Vendors: No opposition to the \$10 vendor fee and there was enough space for those who participated.
- Port-a-Potties: Unclear why wash station was not delivered; alternative was made available that day. Bill is forthcoming.
- Thrivent Donation: Jean collected necessary info to complete report.
- Request for sponsor list and pictures from the day to put on the website.

New Business

1. Tom provided a binder, with tabs, to assist with Mill tours.
2. Tom indicated he'd arranged for Terry Leininger to photograph Mill interior on 10/19/24 at 9 a.m. for updated pictures.
3. Love Lights: Event to be held Saturday, **December 14**, from 2- 4, with **Mill meeting** and tree decorating beginning at **1 p.m.** Love Lights were distributed – donation minimum each is \$3. Cookies will need to be provided by Mill partners. The stove will need to be checked out before the event.
4. Determine amount to charge pavilion renters when/if the new curtains are requested.
5. Oktoberfest bins need to be returned to the town hall. It was suggested to have November's meeting at the town hall, providing an opportunity to sort through Mill Park items being stored there.

Next meeting **Nov 13, 2024, at the Osceola Town Hall, at 6 p.m.**

At 7:50 p.m., Sue and Jean moved to adjourn the meeting and was approved.

Respectfully submitted (in Secretary Nancy's absence)
Karen Wenger