

**Durand Improvement Group  
Meeting Minutes – July 10, 2023**

Members present: Mike Norby, Tanya Smeltzer, Valerene Cataract, Jordin Holmes, Jeni Whitwam (Ntec), Wendy Brantner

Meeting called to order – 6:15 PM

Approval of financial: Approved by all

Approval of minutes: Approved by all

**Committee Reports:**

**Funfest:** Need to investigate booking a stage since Memorial Park is no longer an option for this.

**Poker Run:** Jordin has been checking around and this may not be a good time to run it. Eau Galle is unsure if they have the staff for it. Could have two locations in Durand for cards. August 26<sup>th</sup> is also an event at the brewery, so it could conflict with it. September 9<sup>th</sup> suggested as an alternate date. Bodhi's, brewery, Arkansaw, Pepin, and back to Durand for the update run.

**Dazzle Day:** Tappy will do face painting for \$490 and would be present for 5 hours. Santa hours would be 10 AM – 1 PM and then 2 PM – 5 PM at the Masonic, but own suit must be provided. Lunch is covered by us; we can look into getting a suit for him and for Mrs. Clause.

**Old Business:**

Music in the Park – Moving White Side Walls to June worked very nicely. Food vendors all sold out except desserts – maybe start food earlier than the actual music time. We could bring in a back to the 50s car show to go along with the White Side Walls to bring in even more people. Maybe have a wildlife exhibit trailer come in and continue to have face painting. Emery Express is something to consider for Taste of Durand next year. Try to tie in Crazee Days from the past where businesses stay open later than usual or set up a booth – as a possibility for next year. We could get a riding lawnmower or contact Tractor Central about something to pull a barrel train for Taste of Durand.

Next general meeting: August 14, 2023

Meeting adjourned: 7:33 PM