

Durand Improvement Group Meeting Minutes – April 8th, 2024

Members present: Mike Norby, Wendy Brantner, Scott Sabelko, LeAnna Kavanaugh, Val Cataract
Others present: Josie (Bridge to Hope), Sara Casey (Go Lake Pepin)

Meeting called to order – 6:04 PM

Welcome/Introduction of Visitors: Sara introduced herself and talked about her business. Sara owns Go Lake Pepin which covers tourism information and events around Pool 4 of the Mississippi River, or Lake Pepin plus 30 miles out.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: Will approve next month

Approval of March Financial Report: Motion made by LeAnna, second by Wendy. Approved.

Committee Reports:

Dog Park: No updates for the dog park. LeAnna still needs to get approval from the DNR and Pepin County.

Funfest: Mike says that it boils down to logistics whether they keep it in Memorial Park or not. They are planning to serve out of the pavilion because they cannot use a tent that uses stakes. They will be using the old McMahon lot. A weighted tent is \$10,000 and a 40 x 80 tent is about \$6,000.

New Business:

City Administrator Retiring: Scott is retiring – we will get in contact with new administrator.

Apparel: Minimum order is 25. We can mix and match colors. Bella and Canvas was favored. We will look into whether it is screen printed vs. heat press. Screen print is favored. The chosen color is Charcoal Heather Sweatshirts and Deep Heather T-shirts, both will have the colored logo. Each board member will receive two items, shirts will also be given to select members that attend meetings often.

Membership Updates: None

Scholarships: Four applicants; the board carefully reviewed and discussed all four applications and read each essay. The two chosen applications are Isabella Wayne and Riane Hayden.

MITP Vendors: Confirmed for June/July Blues on the Chippewa – youth group mobile ice cream trailer and the creamery courier. We must have the same colored tickets. Tabled for next meeting

50/50 Raffle Tickets: Tabled for next meeting

MITP To-Do's: Tabled for next meeting

Banner & Table Cover For Our Table at MITP: Tabled for next meeting

Comments and Issues for Future Consideration:

- None – revisit tabled discussions

Next general meeting: May 13th, 2024 at 6 PM

Meeting adjourned: 7:51