

Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2017

Prior to the meeting, Laszlo with the Garlic Festival, spoke regarding the Garlic Festival that will be August 12-13, 2017. They are speaking with radio personality Patrick Capone, of Crystal Lake and with the Illinois Law Tigers for them to hold a bike run to bring in more people on Sunday. They would like to have designated parking for the bikes, so GEAR will be asked to not schedule activities that weekend so the bikes can park on the upper ball field.

The regular meeting was called to order by President, Merri Sevey, at 6:11 p.m.

The attendees were: Merri Sevey, Lisa Walters, Shellie Callan, Amy Curione, Morgan Gassman, Kim LaVelle, Laszlo Marton, Pat Schaible, Tammy Trebian, Joe Ambrosia, Cheryl Rife, and Terry McGovern.

Ed Amstutz turned in his board resignation. Lisa made a made to nominate Judy Meyerhofer to replace him, Cheryl seconded. Motion carried.

Spring Fling has 6 town garage sales so far, a schedule of events will be emailed out, and the petting zoo would like to be up by the fire station/bounce houses instead of by the depot. The Fire Department/Village will be asked about this.

Parade needs to have an ad created for the fair booklet, probably the same as last year. Doris Trader has accepted to be the Grand Marshall. The chamber will ask Brad Albrecht to announce again, and the Illinois Bank & Trust is sponsoring the parade again. Businesses are being asked to donate something for the gift bags which will be handed out to the nursing home attendees that come into town to watch the parade.

Garlic Festival will meet sometime in June to get everything organized and they will begin advertising for the event.

Music in the Park was not discussed, other than a reminder that Bob Dittmar is sponsoring this for the next 5 years.

Visitors Guide booklets are distributed. There was discussion to pay Brook Michael for her time in laying out the booklet/map, etc. After the discussion, Tammy made a motion to pay Brook \$300, and Cheryl seconded. Motion carried. If you would like some booklets, you can pick them up from Lisa at Jugs.

Flower Pots are all planted and look very nice. Thank you to all who helped with this project.

New Rack Cards, we want to emphasize on something "unique" to Elizabeth. If you have any ideas, contact Merri Sevey.

Brochure Racks have not been ordered yet, so if you would like one, please contact Merri Sevey.

Village of Elizabeth was not discussed at this time.

GEAR discussed possibly selling food at the next Business Expo. The Donkey Basketball fundraiser went very well, approximately 350 people attended. Spring in My Step will be June 3rd, with check in starting at 7:00 a.m. They will be having Dance Camp again this summer. Information and registration links are available on the website. Erin will be contacting something from Corkless Wine Festival, June 24th, to see if they will need GEAR's help again. GEAR is looking for more people to help volunteer at their events. If you would like to help, please contact a GEAR member.

Eco-Devo/Fair Board stated that the community building has been painted, and new doors will be installed on the supply room. They are researching ways to “seal” the cement floor of the large room. They have a schedule of events for the fair ready to go. The survey for interest in a Pharmacy resulted in 88% saying they would support one in town.

Business Expo had over 200 people attend. There was discussion of possibly having food at the next one, and also possibly shortening the time up by 1 hour. There will be more discussion at a later date.

OLD BUSINESS – there was nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS – there was nothing at this time.

Tammy made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Anna seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next Chamber meeting will be June 22nd, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.