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Seymour Parade Committee
Special (Zoom) Meeting
Wednesday October 21, 2020 7 pm

Members in attendance: Alex Danka, Beverly Kennedy, John Stelma, Fred Stanek, Stephanie Danka, Lucy McConologue, Harvey Catlin, Preet Singh

Members absent: Daniel Staffieri

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

Treasurers Reports were presented. Memorial Day Treasurers Report showed a balance of \$10,514.39 in the checking account with expenditures of \$132 for banners. The savings account showed a balance of \$13,159.59.

The Christmas Treasurers Report showed a balance of \$4701. There was an expense of \$136 for banners. The motion to approve the Memorial Day Treasurers Report was made by Bev Kennedy and seconded by John Stelma The motion to approve the Christmas Parade Report was made by Preet Singh and seconded by Harvey Catlin. Stephanie Danka asked if we got donations from residents and if that was the reason for the balance in the Memorial Day Treasurers Report. It was confirmed that some were received.

Public Comment/ Open Forum-Discussion on what to do with the Christmas Parade and whether to cancel the regular parade for 2021 or to do something on a smaller scale in compliance with COVID 19 regulations. Concerns were social distancing and lack of participation due to the pandemic. Possible locations for an alternative event were the Downtown area and the industrial park (Cogwheel Drive).

One idea was to have a parade but with people staying in their cars to watch the parade. Ideas for participants included hot rod cars, antique cars, fire trucks, floats, and Santa. Fred Stanek mentioned that not having children in the parade due to the coronavirus would cut down greatly on the attendance as most of those usually in attendance are parents and relatives of the children in the parade. Harvey Catlin added that we want the parade to be something with the kids not for the kids. Alex said that he would work with Tom Eighmie and Valley Health regarding the parade and social distancing.

Possible date for the event would be Saturday the 12th of December. Alex mentioned the the Land Trust had events on the 13th which included a holiday walk thru the trails and fireworks.

Another idea centered around fire trucks going around the town keeping in mind that they already had a similar holiday event on a Sunday in December. Alex then asked all in attendance to ask around over the weekend for ideas on what people would like to see done for the parade this year. A meeting will be set up for Monday October 26th to make final plans on what we will be doing for the Christmas parade or alternative event.

Beverly Kennedy, a VFW member, then announced that the Veterans Day ceremony will take place at the Broad Street Park on November 11,2020 at 6 pm. She will also check to see if we could set up an information booth to disperse information about our event in December.

Our next special meeting of the Seymour Parade Committee will take place via zoom on October 26, 2020.

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Meeting was adjourned after a motion was made by John Stelma and seconded by Harvey Catlin.

Respectfully submitted,

John Stelma

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