

CITY OF IMLAY CITY
SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Sesquicentennial Committee was held on Monday, July 15, 2019 at the Imlay City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Joi Kempf, Watt Bargen, Marilyn Swihart, Leah Montroy, Stu Cameron and Tom Youatt.

The Committee welcomed new member Leah Montroy.

The Committee reviewed and approved minutes from the June 17, 2019 Committee meeting as presented.

The Commission discussed the need to locate the 1970 Time Capsule. Marilyn noted that she found documentation indicating that the capsule was moved on June 13, 2007 but did not indicate to where it was moved except that it was moved to a historical marker. The Committee will continue to attempt to find it.

The Committee discussed the need to locate a Centennial Headquarters. Two locations were discussed including in front of the Museum and at the Farmers Market site at the corner of Third and Main streets.

The Committee discussed the need to come up with a theme for the Sesquicentennial celebration.

An Opening and Closing ceremony was suggested, maybe at the Fairgrounds. Participation of local High School bands to perform the National Anthem followed by a parade or to have this on separate days was discussed. An Incentive of Judging the best band for selection in a "Battle of the Bands" competition with a cash prize was discussed.

The main focus of the Committee was to establish sub-committees and designating chairs for the sub-committees. Seven sub-committees were identified: Parade, Grand Opening and Closing Ceremony, Entertainment, Historical, Food/Beverages, Events and Marketing/Advertising/Fundraising.

The Committee discussed the need to establish a Facebook site for advertising and information purposes. Also discussed that weddings could be performed, businesses to post historical information in their windows and inviting the Michigan Sugar Queen and other notable people to the parade. The next meeting date was set for Monday, August 19th at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Tom Youatt

Approved: August 26, 2019