
CITY OF IMLAY
SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

The first meeting of the Sesquicentennial Committee meeting was held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Imlay City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mayor Joi Kempf, Walt Barga and City Manager Tom Youatt

The Committee first discussed possible dates for the City's Sesquicentennial Celebration. There are several dates in the summer of 2020 that are already filled. The Committee decided that the weekend of August 8th and 9th would work out best.

The Committee also discussed adding members to the Committee to provide additional input and assistance. Tom Wearing (Tri City Times), Lorrelei Natke (DDA Director), Ian Kempf (Chamber of Commerce Board member), Marilyn Swihart (Museum) and Stu Cameron (Imlay City School Superintendent) were identified as additional members. Youatt will contact to see if they are interested in serving.

- The Committee discussed possible events for the celebration including fireworks (at the Fairgrounds), a beer tent (run by the Eagles Club) an entertainment stage, a parade (with "big wheel bicycles), food vendors an exhibit at the Museum, a time capsule to be placed in the new Fire Hall and a video of photographs of the City in the 1870's and changes in the City since the centennial in 1970 as well as highlighting old businesses of that time. Other possible events were to have a Historic Stroll on the City's new Art and Historic Tour, a Water Ball tournament with area Fire Departments, softball tournament, and events for kids. Also, possible encampments and reenactments at Lamb Steele Park, historic events of the original Imlay City settlement and hiring a drone operator to document all of the activities.

Marketing of a commemorative City Flag and a Sesquicentennial logo with t-shirts, hats, etc. was discussed.

The Committee discussed the need for the Imlay City Schools and Churches to be involved.

A budget of approximately \$ 30,000 was thought to be a good appropriation by the City. In addition, sponsors for events would be sought.

Construction of a new Band Shell in Lamb Steele Park was an idea that would be a great project for the Sesquicentennial of the City.

A next meeting date of June 17th at 10:00 a.m. at City Hall was decided on. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Tom Youatt

Approved: June 17, 2019