
CITY OF IMLAY CITY
SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Sesquicentennial Committee was held on Monday, August 26, 2019 at the Imlay City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present: Walt Bargen, Stu Cameron, Lorrelei Natke, Marilyn Swihart and Tom Youatt

The Committee reviewed and approved minutes from the July 15, 2019 meeting as presented.

The Committee discussed an update on the time capsule. The Committee decided to excavate an area around the Museum in mid to late September. Youatt stated the DPW crew could do the excavation. The Committee suggested that for the new time capsule which is to be located at the new Fire Hall building under construction to have documentation at the Library and the Museum to let future citizens know where the new time capsule is located.

The Committee discussed that instead of a "Battle of the Bands" that we would invite the High School Bands from Imlay City, Lapeer, Almont, Capac and North Branch to perform at the High School Football Field starting at 5:00 p.m. Friday night. Discussion of providing a \$ 1,000 donation to each of the High School Bands performing would make it worth their participation.

The Committee discussed three locations for festivities: Downtown, the High School and the Fairgrounds. Most of the events would be downtown. The Fairgrounds could host a significant band on Saturday night and have Food Trucks there as well. The Fireworks can also be held at the Fairgrounds.

The High School would host the High School Band performances at the Football Field and also host a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Possibly, the All-Class High Reunion could be held there as well on Saturday at Noon.

Downtown would host the "Shady Belle Saloon" which would be held in a vacant building, the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, the Beer Tent run by the Rotary Club and host local bands and some food concessions.

The Parade would start at the Fairgrounds and follow the usual Parade Route.

Marilyn has been in contact with Darlene and Rick Whitis who got married at the Centennial celebration in 1970 and suggested they could be part of the event. Marilyn also brought some of the banners that were used in the Centennial and the Committee thought that was a great idea for Downtown. Also, the Committee needs to come up with a theme for the event. There being further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Tom Youatt

Approved: September 16, 2019