

Trumbull Day Commission
March 31, 2021
Minutes

Present:

Traci Galla
Bridget Dial
Joseph Ruospo
Dana Lonergan
Lisa Hughes
Preston Merritt

Absent:

Vincent Camarota

Also present:

Kathleen McGannon, Chief Administrative Officer, commission clerk
Joanne Orenstein, volunteer
Abigail Whitmoyer, awaiting Town Council approval
Jennifer Uriguen, awaiting Town Council approval
William Chin, meeting facilitator
Katie Dunn, TCTV

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman Merritt.

Moved by Mr. Ruospo, seconded by Ms. Dial to approve minutes of March 15, 2021.

Vote: 6-0

Discussion of dates for the carnival took place. There was a possibility of doing the last weekend in June but we would not know until two more weeks. The band with whom we had a deposit was not available for the earlier weekend and the fireworks company had already sent the contract for the later date. The Showmobile was reserved for July 2-4. Discussion of a rain date took place. The fireworks company is unavailable for Sunday, July 4th so a rain date of July 10th was discussed. As there will be NO rain on July 3rd, the commission still agreed to set a rain date of July 10th.

Moved by Ms. Dial, seconded by Mr. Lonergan to approve July 2nd and 3rd for Trumbull Day with a rain date of July 10th for the fireworks.

Vote: 6-0

Stewart Amusement has stated that they will be available for Sunday, July 4th, in case of a rainout of either Friday or Saturday.

Moved by Ms. Galla, seconded by Mr. Ruospo to set a rain date for the carnival for Sunday, July 4th.

Vote: 6-0

The food truck discussion required an executive session as contracts would be discussed.

Moved by Mr. Ruospo, seconded by Ms. Dial to go into an executive session at 7:18 PM to discuss contract negotiations for food trucks. Mr. Merritt, Mr. Lonergan, Mr. Ruospo, Ms. Galla, Ms. Hughes, Ms. Dial, and Ms. McGannon to enter executive session.

Vote: 6-0

Moved by Mr. Ruospo, seconded by Ms. Galla to return to regular meeting at 7:35 PM.

Vote: 6-0

Discussion was held regarding the food trucks. It was agreed to hold the price at the 2019 price of \$500 for the weekend and to reach out to those trucks who have been loyal to us in the past.

Moved by Ms. Galla, seconded by Mr. Ruospo to leave the food truck fee at \$500 for the weekend.

Vote: 6-0

Ace Audio has provided sound for us in the past and has our deposit from last year. The commission decided to extend that contract for this year.

Moved by Ms. Galla, seconded by Mr. Ruospo to hire Ace Audio to provide the sound system.

Vote: 6-0

Mr. Lonergan stated that the Rotary Club is willing and able to run the beer and wine concession again. Ms. McGannon will apply for the liquor permit and update the MOU between the Rotary Club and the Commission. The chairman is scheduled to appear before the Board of Education on April 27th to request the waiver to allow the sale of alcohol on school grounds.

Ms. McGannon stated that the Showmobile is available from the Stratford Rec Department and that she is hoping to get the fee waived. She will finalize the reservation tomorrow.

Ms. Orenstein requested that we reach out to Trumbull businesses to see if they would like to be vendors. Discussion of vendors was tabled due to lack of state guidance which will determine the carnival/food truck layout and how we would accommodate the tents with social distancing.

Moved by Mr. Ruospo, seconded by Mr. Lonergan to table discussion of vendors, pending additional guidance from the state.

Discussion was held regarding sponsors for Trumbull Day. Family sponsorship opportunities were discussed and the commission liked the idea. Banners listing sponsors-perhaps gold, silver, bronze levels-were discussed. The idea of lawn signs scattered throughout the carnival was discussed. The idea enjoyed support. Mr. Merritt will look into the cost of a banner versus individual lawn signs and bring that back for discussion at the next meeting.

The commission needs someone to handle our social media site going forward. Ms. Dial indicated that she could help with this item.

Mr. Merritt will bring a proposed budget to our next meeting.

Ms. Dial reported that Parrothead will honor our deposit from last year. Several bands were discussed. Ms. Dial will contact the bands previously used and any others that expressed interest.

Feedback on carnival hours and bracelets will be determined on Thursday, April 1st for a press release and sponsorship letters.

Next meeting: April 13th at 7 PM.

Moved by Mr. Ruospo, seconded by Ms. Galla to adjourn at 7:42 PM.

Vote: 6-0