



## SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

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Committee Date: November 17, 2022  
Present: Mayor Pulice, Alderman Messina, Treasurer Porch, Alderman Woods  
Absent:  
Also Present: Janelle Silva  
Meeting Convened at: 6:01 p.m.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

October 6, 2022

1. Alderman Woods
2. Alderman Messina

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The Committee continued to discuss the Sounds of Summer for the 2023 concert series. Including securing a more impressive stage for the events. The committee collectively decided that the 24\*16 stage should be secured for all scheduled dates. The committee also discussed securing 2 local bands for a shared billing. This would reduce the amount of bands scheduled through the entertainment agent providing a little cost savings, while also supporting local bands in the industry. The goal is to feature bands that have a connection to Wood Dale. The bands reached out to are Crook County Blues, the Shades and a band led by former Public Works staff member, Brian Hennigan. The local band night is to be a shared billing and an extended timeframe from 7-9 vs 7-8:30 p.m. for the other scheduled evenings. This would provide a more community feel and assist with budget as the Committee looks at increasing the stage quality

Janelle was informed that the headlining band Steve Augerie of Journey is no longer available to play at Prairie Fest. The entertainment manager provided alternative options for the committee to choose from. Foghat, Bruce in the USA a tribute band, TAYLOR DAYNE. After a lengthy discussion regarding cost, population draw and weighing all the pros and cons the Committee decided to select Foghat for the headlining Saturday night performance.



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The Committee inquired about utilizing the BINGO tent on dates and times that the tent is not being used. Alderman Woods suggested that we host a Sip and Paint option on Thursday and Friday. Janelle stated that she would reach out to a business to see if this was a reasonable option to support at PF. Janelle is to present options at the next meeting.

The Committee continued discussion about potential sponsorships opportunity to the Sounds of Summer to assist with the limited budget. The Committee also discussed a desire to have additional food vendor and craft vendors at the concert series.

The Committee discussed the Trunk or Treat and safety measure to include for next year. Discussion included an updated layout, signage, a decisive entrance and exit path and a limitation for the costume/voting process. This year's event welcomed 3000 guests to Trunk or Treat. Our largest year. We want to be prepared for additional safety measures for larger crowds.

The Committee discussed the Tree Lighting event and fireworks. It was decided to host the fireworks at the end of the event at 6:50/55. This will help facilitate the departure from City Hall of guests from the event.

A motion was made by Alderman Woods and seconded by Alderman Messina to adjourn.

Ayes: Mayor Pulice, Alderman Messina, Treasurer Porch, Alderman Woods

Nays: None

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Whereupon Mayor Pulice declared the motion to be carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.