

Festival Grounds Committee meeting 10/6/2022

Attendees: Mayor Hass, Steve Sabatke, Rod Akey, Rick Bjorklund, Brad Becker, Tom Hayden, Nathan from MP3.

Regarding the campground, Rick Bjorklund reviewed the updated assumptions he had made regarding the campground. He indicated that if two spaces per day were utilized it would be a profitable endeavor and not stress the grounds. He indicated that perhaps Band Booster, etc., will be available to clean and police the restrooms. The MHS FabLab will construct a drop box for checks and cash. Alderman Sabatke suggested \$5000 budget for FabLab work, signage, etc. Rick Bjorklund indicated that we would have, potentially, a partnership with Tomahawk relative to use of an app for scheduling. General discussion was held regarding acquisition of picnic tables, installing gravel, etc. Discussion was held regarding ads, etc., for a "message center" at the Fairgrounds. Alderman Sabatke emphasized that more important than making money is an opportunity to promote the Festival Grounds. Bjorklund anticipates some overflow from the Tomahawk area for campground usage, but the campground should not be looked at as a "cash cow". It was agreed that the \$30 rate is in line with other places. Discussion was held regarding a time limit for campground use; Mayor Hass suggested a 7 day limit.

A discussion was held regarding lighting and security for existing buildings. Motion by Sabatke, seconded by Becker to approve the Campground concept as presented. All voted yes.

Capital requests: Brad Becker gave an update on the painting job and fan replacement/placement project. He indicated that painting could be done for \$3000 per wing. Kathy Unertl suggested that ARPA funds could be used and suggested barn rehabilitation rather than merely painting and whitewashing.

Discussion was had regarding a budget for the festival grounds. Motion by Becker seconded by Sabatke to add \$13,000 to Festival Grounds expenses and \$8,000 to potential revenue for budget purposes.

It was noted that the end of the year meeting for Fair stands will be held October 19th. Rick Bjorklund's report was accepted, no public comment. Sabatke/Becker to adjourn at 6:52 pm, next meeting November 3rd at 6pm.