

Fox Lake Fireworks Meeting Minutes

Wednesday – March 12, 2008

Present – Please see the attached Sign In Sheet

Police Chief Mike Behan called the Fireworks Committee Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Review of Fireworks Demonstrations on March 5th, 2008

Chief Behan distributed the synopsis of the calls that were received as well as the viewing sites location results for everyone's review (attached). They shot off 25 shells, they did the 3-inch, 4 inch and 5 inch, and they shoot up respectively 300 feet, 400 feet and 500 feet. They did not shoot off the 6 or 8-inch shells. I would also like to clarify we are not doing this at the Treatment Plant, this is a parcel of property that is next to the Treatment Plant that the Village owns. The end result is that the people viewing the fireworks all stated they could see them well, the only concern was when the trees are full they may not see all of them. Chief Behan stated remember we will be shooting them off of a hill as well which will raise them 85 feet as well as we will have large shells as well.

I also talked to a lot of businesses and they are interested in doing events at their locations, such as possible sale of food, carnivals, possible outdoor taste of restaurants, and they are excited that they can be a part of the fireworks this year. Chief Behan stated he has talked with Lake County to see if we could shut down Rollins Road for a viewing area, and they are willing to work with us, the Under Sheriff has agreed and will supply some personnel to assist in this endeavor. Some of the great locations include but are not limited to is Lions Club/Community Center, Veteran's Park, Grant High School, Towne Center Plaza, Freddie's, Moretti's, Docker's, Watts Marina, Meyer's Bay etc. Chief Behan stated this is a reminder, that we have Celebrate Fox Lake all day with craft show, parade, entertainment and this would just be an extension. Some of the crafters, food vendors may want to continue for the Fireworks show. They will work that through with Nancy Rogers, Parks and Recreation Coordinator. It is an option we want to explore.

- Diane Surr asked if anyone was out on the Lake to view the demonstrations. Chief Behan stated yes and they were visible from the Lake.
- Noreen Michael asked if we had decided how much we were going to spend and what is the length of the show going to be. Chief Behan stated we estimate \$25,000 and they should be 25-28 minutes and he has talked with the Fireworks Companies and they have stated it is a workable cost and time frame.
- Tim Triggs stated the large ones went over the trees but I only saw ½ of the Fireworks and once the trees fill it how much will we really see.

Chief Behan stated the Fireworks Companies that we have been talking to have stated that we will not be disappointed. I understand this is a difficult situation and transition but we really want to work together for the best show for Fox Lake.

Fireworks Organization and Committees/Fundraising Events

Chief Behan stated he has a number of Committee's that he would like to get in place this evening.

- **Collections** – I would like to appoint Dee Wittlieb (Police Department), Carol Ward (Village Hall) and Alexis Wittlieb (Fire Department) to coordinate accepting of the collections at the different facilities and ultimately they would go to Paul Christensen as the Treasurer.
- **Night Golf Fundraiser** – I would like to ask Paul Christensen, Ed Bender and Mario Martinez to work on this event. We want to try and have it at Fox Lake Country Club. Paul asked if Dee Wittlieb could assist, Chief Behan stated, as time would permit.
- **Raffle** – Nancy Rogers stated we have a raffle for premium seating package with a picnic basket for food for a party of 10, tickets have already been printed.
- **Picking of Fireworks etc** - I would like to Vince Konwent, Victoria Livovsi, Shirley, Katie Koske, Glenn Close, Jim Divito, Dave Becker and myself.
- **Vendor Contact/Sales** – I would like Nancy Roger to have a committee for that since she is doing that already for the Celebrate Fox Lake. Diane Surr volunteered to be on that committee. Nancy stated they would also be looking at sale of T-shirts, glow sticks etc. We also may want to look at different organizations such as Lions, Rotary etc. and see if they are interested in booths etc.
- **Traffic Coordination** – That will be Ron Hoehne, Dave Becker and myself. This includes the Metra coordination, traffic coordination, we will be putting fencing down Rollins Road to make sure no one can get near the track. Rollins Road will be shut down for about 4-6 hours.
- **Advertising** – I would like Dee Wittlieb, Carol Ward and Ruth Michiewicz to coordinate the advertising, Chamber Newsletter, Flyers at Businesses, Posters in town etc.

Questions/Concerns – Audience

- Katie Koske asked why aren't we doing like a Gala or Super Raffle. Chief Behan stated we couldn't do a super raffle since the Village is not a nonprofit organization.
- Bud Scott suggested a 100 Club, basically to acknowledge the people that donated \$100.00 or more, with signage at the location, a dinner (picnic) before or after the event. Ron Hoehne stated he would look at the social club calendar to do what date may be available; he would work with Bud Scott on this event.
- Glenn Close suggested we work with the schools for possible making buses available for transportation.
- Noreen Michael stated she had some safety concerns of boaters parking at the Lakefront Park to anchor the boats out since it is a thoroughfare right by the bridge. Meyer's Bay or Mineola might be a better location.
- Chief Behan stated to recap we are all hoping to work together. We want to embrace all the people that are interested in the fireworks and get them involved as well.

Adjournment

Chief Behan stated the next meeting is March 25th at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall at 66 Thillen Drive. Adjournment was at 6:45 p.m.