

## **Fox Lake Fireworks Meeting Minutes/Notes**

### **Tuesday – March 25, 2008**

**Present** – Please see the attached Sign In Sheet

Police Chief Mike Behan called the Fireworks Committee Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### **Update of Committees:**

Chief Behan stated the Fireworks Selection Committee met today at 3:00 p.m. and will be contacting the Fireworks companies and requesting a proposal and anticipates having a recommendation in two weeks.

The informational flyer has been mailed to all the residents and businesses in Fox Lake and Ingleside. This is not being sent out on your tax dollars, the expenses for the printing and postage will be taken from the donations that are received for the Fireworks Fund. Treasurer Paul Christensen stated that he has set up a separate cash account and we had received enough donations to cover the cost of the mailing and printing. There will be additional costs for advertising of events and that will also be paid through the Fireworks Fund as well.

Chief Behan stated I want to make it clear we are not going to do the same show as Mineola did last year, our show is for \$25,000 and Pete's show was \$65,000 it is not going to be the same. I want to make it clear the fireworks companies has stated that we will not be disappointed, we are looking at a 25-30 minute show. Our advantage is that we are not doing it on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July so the Fireworks Companies have not necessarily been booked and they may give us a little extra to one get our business and to know they may be back for Venetian Night in August. We can get the Request for Proposal or Bid out to the Fireworks Companies and see what they will provide so we can make an informed decision.

Chief Behan asked for an update on the nighttime golf event. Ed Bender stated he had met with Gino and Steve Dahl from Fox Lake County Club and they have agreed to have it can be held there. Paul Christensen and Jimmy Rogers will meet with them and move forward on the event. Paul Christensen stated he had met with Steve and they are looking at a date of mid June. We are looking at doing 9 holes of golf during daytime hours and 9 holes of golf at nighttime hours. We are looking at June 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>. Jim Davito asked if we would be doing hole sponsorship? Paul stated yes, he would be sending information out to past participants as well as other advertising.

Paul Christensen stated he had contacted Rick Mack, Metra to see if they could curtail the 8:20 and 10:20 train from Fox Lake and have a shuttle from the Fox Lake Train Station to Ingleside for the people that are using the train on July 5<sup>th</sup>. He thought it was possible and he will get back to us. Chief Behan stated we had also talked to Wisconsin Southern and they will hold all trains until we give them the all clear. Dave Becker stated we have measured the snow fencing that will be required and they a will be borrowing what we do not have on hand. The explorers will be helping getting the fencing up along the tracks. The Undersheriff will assist with crowd control as well as traffic control. These are the auxiliary police and they are paid through the tax dollars.

Donation Buckets have been made and are being distributed throughout the Village to locate businesses. Hinckly Springs donated the 20 buckets to the Village, we hope to have them filled quickly so they are difficult to be picked up.

Nancy Rogers stated the Raffle tickets for premium seating for the Fireworks are \$10.00 each. It is for a party of 10, with dinner, soft drinks etc. There will be a utility trailer for viewing, see Nancy if you are interested is getting some raffle tickets to sell.

Nancy Rogers stated they are working on the T-shirts that will be for sale, they will be an ash color with the saying Fireworks over Downtown Fox Lake and then the date. I will let you know when they are available. Chief Behan stated we are working with the Attorney as well to allow for a one day permit license for food vendors for that evening. They would be required to get the temporary Health Certificate for outdoor sales through Lake County. Some of the other organizations may be selling glow sticks, water, etc.

Chief Behan stated he had talked with Dr. Bennedetti, Grant High School and stated it is fine to use the parking lots, but clean up would be our responsibility. Chief Behan stated we will have clean up assigned on the following day to clean up any litter that is left behind. Chief Behan discussed the traffic coordination for Rollins road. Chief stated Rollins would be closed and they would bring traffic in eastbound for parking diagonally at the bridge. Business Owner Roy Miller (Dog n Suds) had asked where are you cutting off the traffic. Chief Behan stated it wouldn't effect his access, we are talking about closing it at Devlin. Ron Hoehne stated that Ranier Woods only has one entrance so we would let residential traffic in and out there by checking ID's.

Chief Behan reminded everyone we all have to work together as a Team, we will get some negative comments, Fun on the Fox has pulled their support and they are looking at possibly doing it next year (if they get their 501 C), we need to get though this year.

Katie Koske stated she would still like to see a party fundraiser in conjunction with the Fireworks. Nancy Koske asked have we thought about having a raffle/bid on dates with a Fireman or Police Officer similar to what Antioch's Chamber just recently completed, all the participants had a good time and it was a successful fundraiser. Cindy Irwin thought it was a great idea to get a luncheon scheduled for something like this but not necessarily a date. Nancy Koske said we could contact local restaurants to see if they would donate a meal for the fundraiser. Nancy Koske, Katie Koske, Nancy Rogers, Shirly Ohara and Cindy Irwin will head up this fundraiser/event. They will provide additional information at the next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Chief Behan stated the next meeting is April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Hall at 66 Thillen Drive. Adjournment was at 5:35 p.m.