

## **Minutes of the Sycamore Township Special Events Committee Meeting**

**August 26, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present for the Meeting were Chairman Jason Petty, Brent Grunow, Megan Dollenmeyer, Holly A. Talmage, and Al Godbey. Mary Tons from MPower Youth Sports was also present for the meeting.

### **Review of Past Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Petty asked the committee to review the past minutes; Al Godbey made a motion to accept the July minutes; Brent Grunow seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

### **Recap of the August Car Show**

The weather on the morning of the Car Show likely hindered attendance, so turnout was not the best despite having 72 registered cars (usually over 100). KOI Autoparts provided door prizes, and DTI Detailing provided prizes for the winners of the Car Show.

### **Recap of the August Music in the Park**

The estimated attendance was 50 people. Deer Park had a concert simultaneously, which may have contributed to low attendance. Additionally, the swim club had an event that made it hard to hear the music. Mr. Petty will reach out to the swim club in the future to avoid conflicting events. Mr. Petty is waiting to hear back from the Board of Trustees to confirm whether they would like to continue hosting Music in the Park events next summer.

### **Touch-a-Truck Event Planning**

Various people are providing vehicles for the event on September 28<sup>th</sup>. UC's medical helicopter may attend, but the Sycamore Township Fire Department will have to coordinate a training exercise. Hamilton County Sheriff's Office is going to bring bomb squad, drone, drug unit, and K-9 unit. Cool Guys Dogs and Fries is bringing their food truck. The DJ from the Car Show will be providing music for the event. The event will also feature a free dunk tank, inflatable corn maze, two inflatable sports games, various games, and potentially soccer darts. Prizes will be candy. MPower Youth Sports will provide volunteers to help out with at least the games, 3 inflatables, and either the soccer darts or the dunk tank. Mr. Godbey agreed to take a shift in the dunk tank. Mr. Petty will look into getting popcorn for the event.

### **Dillonvale Luminaria Planning**

The Luminaria will take place on December 14<sup>th</sup>. MPower Youth Sports will organize the "pictures with Santa" portion of the event. Historically, MPower has utilized pre-registration for the event using a QR code to sign up for time slots. They anticipate two lines, one for registered and one for non-registered guests. Mr. Petty discussed the setup for the shelter and having two

lines, one for the trailers and one for the trolley. Mr. Petty will reach out to Deer Park High School to see whether the band or choir would be interested in performing. If Deer Park High School isn't interested, Mr. Petty will reach out to other high schools in the area. Mr. Petty will reach out to IGA to confirm whether they plan to attend the event.

### **Open Discussion**

The Board of Trustees approved the festival for next year, which will be sponsored by Tire Discounters.

Next year, the Special Events Committee will work with MPower Youth Sports to do a combined fall festival/trunk-or-treat event on October 26, 2025. Mr. Petty will look into reserving the shelters at Bechtold Park for that date.

At the next meeting, the Special Events Committee will discuss a farmer's market, flea market, first meeting date for 2025, last meeting date for 2024, and term limits.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.