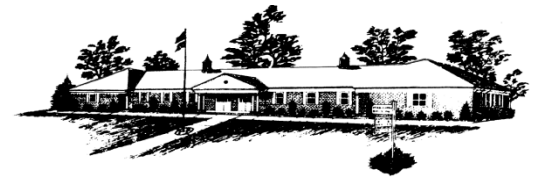


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JULY 4TH COMMITTEE Minutes July 2, 2025 Village Hall Board Room

- 1.0 **Call to Order & Roll Call-** N. Wilkes called to order at 6:32pm.
Present: N. Wilkes, E. Valaitis, R. Lindner, S. Sabbatini, D. Besson, I.
Thomson, A Dunning, K. Laufer, R. Dodd, O. Sterny
- 2.0 **Minutes**—Approval of June 11, 2025, minutes
(A. Dunning, S. Sabbatini, – All Approved)
- 3.0 **Treasurer’s Report**
 - No update
- 4.0 **Safety & Security Review**
 - No update
- 5.0 **Food and Drink Vendors**
 - N. Wilkes reported four of the five vendors have completed contracts. In & Out Foods, Perspective Brewery, Ochos Mexican Grill, and Tundra Treats.
 - N. Wilkes will check in the food carts, arrival between 2pm and 3pm.
- 6.0 **Website Review**
 - No Update
- 7.0 **Events**
 - 7.1 **Firecracker Four**
 - K. Laufer reported there will be over 1,000runners.
 - Run packet pick up will be at the pool house on Thurs. 7/3 from 12noon-3pm.
 - K. Laufer will plug in freezer for ice cream
 - Confirmed patrol at run intersections
 - R. Dodd reported that the run T shirt incorporated a tribute to Dave O’Brien with a D and O in the design
 - 7.2 **Car Show**
 - No Update
 - 7.3 **Children’s Parade**
 - A. Dunning reported all set
 - A. Dunning to pick up Ice Cream 7/3 1pm
 - 7.4 **Children’s Games**
 - E. Valaitis Reported all set
 - Eileen and Nancy will make water balloons 7/3

- Dan O'Donnell will announce upcoming events- Patriotic Pet, Hot Dog Eating and Bed Races during children's games
- E. Valaitis pick up key from K. Lauffer and then had key to Ian

7.5 Patriotic Pet Costume Contest

- N. Wilkes reported all set
- N. Wilkes recognized pet contest prize donors
 - End of the Leash for their \$75 grooming award
 - Hales Corners Vet for their wellness check

7.6 Pie Baking Contests

- I. Thomson reported that all for Pie is fine
- Diane Besson has agreed to emcee the contest

7.7 Hot Dog Eating Competition

- I. Thomson reported pre-registrations have been received
- A few openings remain in the lightweight division
- There are 8 spots in each weight division

7.8 Bed Races

- R. Lindner and S. Sabbatini reported. All set.
- The bed's wheels and alignment has been worked on.

7.9 Big Parade

- M. Eternicka has coordinated review stand set up for 7/3.
- I Thomson confirmed 3 of the 4 gators arrived 7/2 and the 4th should deliver 7/3.
- Port Potties will deliver 7/3
- I. Thomson reported parade units are confirmed. BMX will be 2nd to the end as the Calliope is the traditional end of the parade.
- UW Marching Band confirmed for parade and 5th quarter. A few spots in the Library parking lot will be available for the UW Marching Band members cars.
- Parade will include 4 floats. O. Sternly is set with judges and scoring sheet. Winner will be notified after the 4th.

7.10 Fireworks

- Rain date will be Hales Corners National Night Out Aug. 5th.

8.0 Publicity

8.1 Press Release

- Event information was listed correctly this year in the Now and Journal Sentinel.
- Committee discussed requesting military fly over in 2026 like Greenfield was having this year.
- T. Colbert confirmed for photography

9.0 Adjournment- 7:28 pm Motion by N. Wilkes second by R. Linder

Next Meeting Dates: A Hot Wash Meeting will be scheduled.