

## **Hillsdale Hamlet Committee Notes July 12, 2025**

Attendees (via Teams): Supervisor Mike Dvorchak, Committee Chair Shannon Bell, Phyllis Granat, Lauren Letellier, Dan Levy, Alfred Tessier, Bart Ziegler

1. Shakespeare in the Hamlet Park June 13 recap: At least 100 people attended, including families. The committee agreed it was a success.
2. Hamlet Park Bandshell: Town won a Rheinstrom Hill Community Foundation grant for \$80,000. Bart is applying for a second grant from another foundation toward the projected overall cost of \$160,000 and is exploring several options for bandshell kits for community input. Phyllis suggested erecting a sign in the park saying, "Future Home of the Hillsdale Bandshell." Mike says it should have a QR code for donations. He said he would look into ordering such a sign.
3. Repaving Hamlet Park basketball court: Owner of the log cabin building is interested in a land swap that would allow a new entrance to the park by using access through his property. Such an entrance could require moving the basketball court, so the reconstruction of the existing court by the town is put on hold.
4. Car show Sept. 6: Mike says Joanna Virello and her car show committee have obtained a food truck for the event and are on top of things. Signups by car owners have been slow so far but that's the usual course for such events. The Hamlet Committee agreed to help with the show as needed. Suggest that Joanna schedule a Teams meeting for some time in mid-August and invite Hamlet Committee to find out what help is needed.
5. Pumpkin Festival: Committee will let local businesses, and the fire department organize the October event with help from the committee as requested.
6. Holiday tree lighting: Town should consider shutting off Anthony Street. The committee should hire a brass band again, possibly set up community carol singing.
7. Committee will skip its regular August meeting but plans to check in on the status of the car show in the meantime. We will request to be included at the next Car Show meeting to be scheduled by Joanna Virello. Next meeting is Sept. 13.