

*** Friday, February 13th, 2026**
@ Sheridan Community Schools *

- **Attendees:** Carol Williamson, Diana Schwartz, Ashley Beasley, Laura Dietrich Gillim, Dudley Dunlavey, Sheila Evans, Rick Davis (HS Principal), Eric Gifford (Director of Transportation & Grounds), Jeff Barnes (Director of Facilities) & Sarina Marquis (Data Manager)

- Fireworks:
 - The town has informed the Events Committee that Biddle Park usage is strongly discouraged for any event this year due to INDOT construction projects. Eric says American Water has just informed the town that they also want to do more work which may delay construction as well. The roundabout at the Biddle Park entrance may begin being constructed before 4th of July this year. Additionally, the new installation of a gas main near the location where fireworks were shot off in previous years now makes that impossible to use.
 - Area for Fireworks to be shot off by an approved insured vendor-Road between FHA and Middle School-Yes out past the football field on the MS side. East side of the road
 - Seating options for families to view the fireworks:
 - Stadium
 - Blankets on grass of football field
 - The fireworks company has said this is not a safe choice.
 - Chairs on the track
 - Debris is biodegradable according to fireworks company

- Sound System
 - Can be used
 - Fireworks company has music to use during show
 - Will probably require a plugin instead of bluetooth, but will need to check
 - Eric says he isn't aware of a town sound ordinance. Should confirm with Jen Miller. May want to notify the citizens in Curryville on social media of the proximity of noise that evening given the change to previous years.

- Parking Lot
 - Yes to using parking lots at high school, middle school and elementary school.
 - Overflow parking in the Elementary school

- Golf cart guy possibly offering shuttle service back and forth to the Elementary?
- Restrooms - Yes, to stadium restroom use
 - Custodial probably after 8pm
 - Will need to ask Dave Mundy if we need to pay for custodial person
- Stadium Use
 - We can open the stadium, can sit in stadium, blankets only on turf
 - Lights can be dimmed or turned off during fireworks show. Control over the light to dim when needed is an app.
 - Pop up tents on the track are fine with weights.
- Festival
 - Historically the festival is after the parade. We haven't decided on the time of the festival yet.
 - Parade timing - if the parade shifts to the afternoon then the festival would happen immediately following.
 - Lions Club is worried about heat and organizations going to other towns in the evening instead of attending Sheridan's parade
 - They should be deciding this soon.
 - It is possible that parade could do staging at the Elementary and then end at the High School
 - Carol said she believes is not fiscally responsible to have a full day of activities using sponsor money if there is a dead time in the middle of the day as there has been repeatedly in the past
 - Will need to provide flyers around town notifying town of the time change in addition to social media posts and attending a town meeting to get word out.
 - Could use space east of softball field or any space really depending on what activities are planned
 - Minimal electrical hookups are available, but this is similar to the park and Main street. Vendors will bring generators if needed.
 - There is no budget for large tents for shade. The committee is considering shifting the festival to begin around 6pm and end with a 20 minute fireworks show.
- Clean up
 - Committee will be in charge of cleanup
 - School staff are not available, but are welcome to volunteer

- Some clean up will take place that evening but the following day (July 5th) will have further clean up so that there is enough light to see.
- Not a “school sponsored event”, therefore the principal and other teachers are not expected to be onsite the day of the event.
- Security
 - Police officers from town are usually used for 4th of July festival
 - Will need to coordinate with Chief Nielsen
 - They typically have a security station somewhere at the festival in addition to space for the ambulance
 - Sections of the school will be locked down so people cannot wander into parts of the school not being used for the event.
 - Bathrooms will remain open and do contain changing tables
- Activities
 - Ping Pong Drop:
 - Old tradition that we are considering bringing back
 - Possible drop near baseball diamond or football field
 - School officials request we stay away from buildings and the parking lot so as not to hit gutters or cars
 - No flyover restrictions that Mr. Davis is aware of
 - Races around the track?
 - Would depend on the type of race
 - Tractor pull
 - Not allowed, but antique tractor show or obstacle course are a possibility depending on location and how much rain we have had at that time.
 - Mr. Davis says activities allowed will need to be submitted to them before the event for approval. The committee will do our best to get all of these plans together to send his way before the end of school.
 - Another meeting after spring break is requested to help facilitate/coordinate details better.
 - Will do a walk through of the facility at this meeting
 - Committee will try to have map of event ready for this meeting
- Concession Stand
 - Sell snacks from the concession stand and split the profits?
 - Principal asking the concession stand person if it can be open and profits split.

- The concession stand has several options for food (popcorn, nachos, hamburgers, hot dogs, candy, etc) and is almost a small restaurant.
 - Committee offered to man the concession stand, but Mr. Davis says he believes the lady in charge of the stand will more than likely want her own staff manning it.
- Field House Use
 - In the event of a rainout for the festival, Mr. Davis says there is a possibility of using the fieldhouse for vendors.
 - Would not be able to have food vendors in the fieldhouse due to fire code, but the concession stand could foreseeably be open for that purpose.
- Do not have to have background checks for vendors if not on a school day.
- Emergency plan in case of storms
 - The school already has a plan that they use for games. They are willing to share that.
- Quiet Corner
 - Hallway outside coaches office or referee restroom could be a good location
 - There is an ADA compliant bathroom there that can be used for older kids who need a private restroom
- Communication of Change to festival
 - Talk to Chief Nielsen regarding the large sign at Get Go informing the public that the festival and fireworks are at the High School.
 - Principal of elementary school, Mrs. Roberts has informed us in the past that she can post events on the school website if needed.
 - Could have available fliers at graduation
 - Blackhawk talk -
 - Community Happenings -

Minutes submitted by: Diana Schwartz 2.24.26

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