

***Wednesday, June 10th, 2026 @ 6:00pm**
@ Gosia's Rustic Kitchen*

- **Attendees:** Carol Williamson, Diana Schwartz, Ashley Beasley Dudley Dunlavey, Nancy Wallace, Laura Dietrich Gillim, Parvin Gillim, Sheila Evans, Maggie Baniak , Kevin & Lisa Bragg, Nate Mylet, Alan Lyons, Drew Jackson, Annie Lussier, and Emmett Kellogg
- Carol gave a brief introduction. Thanking Gosia's for the snacks and hosting.
- Festival Activities:
 - Festivities begin at 4pm at the Sheridan High School.
 - Multiple factors led to the event being moved. INDOT and the Town decided it would be better to plan events away from Biddle Park.
 - School administration and staff have been phenomenal in their assistance.
- Parade by Lions Club:
 - Begins at 10am.
 - Registration starts at 9am in the Sheridan High School south parking lot entrance.
 - The route has changed this year due to construction. Will turn left on White Avenue instead of continuing to the park.
 - Slight concerns of the parade running into itself, but will make do with what they have.
 - Ashley said an individual with a work truck reached out to be included. Nate said everyone is welcome to be a part of the parade. Just show up at 9am.
- Ball Drops:
 - 4pm starts them
 - 3 different age groups so that little ones don't get run over
 - Lots of prizes that have been generously donated from companies and organizations around the community.
 - Grand Prize (adult): Fly over ride
 - Grand Prize (over 10): Eagle flight
 - Speedway tickets
 - Gift basket from Indy Eleven
 - State Fair ground tickets
 - Culvers coupons and more!
 - Decided to bring it back on request from community members
 - Still accepting donations for prizes
- Kid Zone:

- Inflatables for toddlers and big kids
 - Putt Putt
 - Corn Hole - could use a few more
 - Dunk Tank - still need volunteers to be dunked
 - DJ in the kid zone
 - Touch-a-truck - any farmers who may want to include their tractors are welcome to join this area near the entrance to the kid zone
- Quiet Corner:
 - In the health room of the field house
 - Special needs families encouraged to use for breaks
- Watermelon Eating contest at 5pm
- Hot Dog Eating contest at 5:30pm
 - Adults only
- Park Avenue Band on the mainstage
 - Entrance to the High School
- Vendors:
 - In the parking lot under tents
 - Gosia's Rustic Kitchen
 - Greek's Pizza
 - Pork burgers with Black Talon Wrestling Club
 - Pancakes
 - Cookies
 - Cake Bar and more!
 - We can accept new food vendors up until June 19th
 - Several good vendors as well
- White River Wrestling:
 - 7pm - 8:30pm
 - Back by popular demand in the fieldhouse with air conditioning! Yay!
- Classic competitions:
 - Sack races, tug of war and hula hoop contests are to begin before the fireworks
 - Will take place on the track area around 9:30pm.
- Glow party with music playing should start around 10pm
- Fireworks at 10:15pm
 - Launching from area behind Middle School driveway near FFA field plot
 - Music playing during the show
 - Can download their app to play music during the show
 - Concession stands will be open during
 - Fireworks at Biddle Park are problematic in the future due to a gas main that has been installed next to the entrance

- Nate asked about alternative locations for fireworks in the park. Back by the t-ball field there is a clearing that would allow clearance for really high fireworks, but not for low launching ones.
 - Diana said could foreseeably move them to one of the baseball diamonds, but that would mean launching them closer to the road, spectators and gas station across the street.
 - Fireworks companies were uneasy about the old location as well as Chief Stern. Unsure that the events committee's insurance company would be okay with launching at the old site as well.
- Parking:
 - Vendors will take up a small part of the parking lot
 - Shuttling people using carts from Quantum Carts to and from the elementary school parking lots.
 - The school has approved parking in the grass area at the entrance to the school as long as there is not a lot of rain producing mud in that area.
- Sparks Award:
 - Taking nominations for the Spark Award until June 26th.
 - 5 judging categories:
 - Service
 - Volunteerism
 - Mentorship
 - Community Impact
 - Leadership
 - The winner will receive an award as well as the honor to push the button beginning the fireworks show.
- Sponsors:
 - Still accepting sponsors
- Shade:
 - Providing tents/canopies for shade options
 - Limited water hookups
 - Fieldhouse will be open for bathrooms and to cool off quickly
- Signage:
 - Big, pink neon banner at the entrance to Biddle Park to communicate the location change
 - Signs for no guns/smoking/weapons
 - Ask Dr. Mundy about pet policy
- Concern over increased traffic on the day of the event through Center Place.
 - Families in Center Place are planning to congregate near the entrance to watch the fireworks according to a homeowner who attended the meeting.
 - Will ask Chief Nielsen about plans for monitoring traffic after fireworks.

- Volunteers:
 - Sign up to volunteer for the day and get reserved seating for fireworks.
 - If you volunteer for more than 2 hours, you will get a food voucher as well
 - Lots of jobs:
 - Setup
 - Tear Down
 - Golf carts
 - Kid zone
 - Quiet Corner
 - Trash cans
 - Bathrooms
 - Moving picnic tables
 - The majority of the members of the events committee are smaller women or older men who do not have the strength to lift heavy picnic tables and will require assistance to get things done. Please, consider volunteering for this important community event even if for only one hour.
- Honoring Service Members:
 - The Historical Society has banners that they hang on Main Street and Carol will be reaching out to them to see about borrowing them for the event.
 - Star Spangled Banner
 - Waiting to hear back from Libby Doublestein about singer for the national anthem
 - Cheerleaders may come help volunteer or perform before fireworks
 - Invocation before the fireworks by Pastor John from Methodist Church.
 - Could recognize service members at that time as well.
 - Legion Honor guard before the fireworks possibly?
 - Dudley will check with Legion
 - Flags lining entrance?
 - Dudley says he will have to check to see how many the Legion has and if they can spare any

Next Meetings:

Wednesday, June 17th @ 6pm @ Gosia's Rustic Kitchen

Wednesday, June 24th @ 6pm @ Gosia's Rustic Kitchen

Minutes submitted by: Diana Schwartz 6.11.26

Approved: