

**MUNDELEIN COMMUNITY DAYS COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 21, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

Attendance: Bill Rekus, Margaret Resnick, Rich Rothmann, Wally Frasier and Walter Szatkowski

Also in attendance: Mike Flynn

Absent: Alex Marx and Shah Quaiyoom

**I. Approval of Minutes of December 14, 2009.** Motion by Rekus, seconded by Szatkowski, to approve the minutes of December 14, 2009. Motion carried.

**II. Miss Mundelein Report.**

Bill Rekus introduced Pageant Director Betty Hurmis, and reported that he asked Ms. Hurmis to attend the meeting to report on a situation that has developed regarding the current Miss Mundelein, Kaitlyn Millner. Ms. Hurmis explained that Kaitlyn Millner has been asked to take part in the Miss Illinois Pageant that will occur in June 2010. This is quite an honor. However, the application that all Mundelein pageant contestants sign prior to the contest affirms that they will not take part in other beauty pageants during their one year reign.

Mr. Rekus reported that he has talked with Mr. Lynn, the founder of the Mundelein pageant series. Mr. Lynn believes this was added at the beginning of the Mundelein pageants to assure that queens would devote themselves to their duties for Mundelein and not have to divide their duties between Mundelein and other communities. This requirement is dated and somewhat obsolete since new pageant rules require the queens to serve Mundelein effectively before receiving their cash award or scholarship.

Ms. Hurmis pointed out that matters dealing with the pageants are always very emotional and lead to strong opinions. She requested that the Mundelein Community Days Commission consider changing the application to make it possible for future queens to participate in other pageants if appropriate. She added that the Miss Illinois Pageant occurs one week before the final date of Miss Millner's tenure as Miss Mundelein.

After some discussion, motion by Rekus, seconded by Resnick, to add the following phrase to the future Mundelein pageant applications: "You must agree not to enter any other pageants while fulfilling your current Village Queen responsibilities, except for the Lake County Community Pageant, *without permission of the Pageant Committee*" and to approve Kaitlyn Millner's request to participate in the 2010 Miss Illinois Pageant.

**III. Presentation – Tom Hopkins and Kyle Cashman for the Boy Scouts of America.** Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Cashman asked the commission to consider ways in which the Boy Scouts of America could be represented at Mundelein Community Days for the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts. The commission discussed a number of options. The final consensus was that the scouts would be provided an area to the west of the Park District building in Kracklauer Park as a demonstration area for cooking, rope bridge, camping, and other scouting activities. The area would be available all day Saturday, July 3rd, and Sunday, July 4th, and would be removed on Monday, July 5th.

Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Cashman will work with local scout troops to set up and supervise the demonstration. A certificate of insurance from Boy Scouts of America will be provided naming the Park District and Village of Mundelein as additional insureds. A pinewood derby was tentatively scheduled to be held in the gazebo for four hours on Saturday or Sunday. A rain gutter regatta is a possibility for another day in the gazebo. A decision will be made on this before the commission's February meeting. Currently, approximately 50% of the Boy Scout troops and Cub packs operating out of Mundelein participate in the Mundelein Community Days parade. Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Cashman hope to increase the participation to 100%. They will also provide an Eagle Scout color guard to accompany the military color guard that leads the parade.

The objective is to commemorate the 100th anniversary of scouting and to provide demonstrations to encourage future scouts and provide fun activities for the community

**IV. Entertainment Committee Report.** Mike Flynn reported on the Entertainment Committee meeting Saturday, January 16th. The committee selected their preferences for the summer concerts. Mr. Flynn reported that Hudson McCoy, a rock and roll band, has been hired for the first concert on June 17th, and the Lakeshore Symphony has been contracted for August 8th. The symphony lowered their usual price of \$2,000 to \$1,200. Other bands selected include the Neverly Brothers, Od Tapo Imi, and 1969. All have been contacted and appear to be available for the amount budgeted. We should have a final schedule within a week.

The following bands for the main stage were selected by the committee: Soda, the Usuals, Transformation, the Blues Brothers, Hello Dave, Soul Cooking and Vinyl Highway. All bands appear to be available, except the Usuals, and we are discussing prices. Alternate group, Spoken Four, has been contacted.

**V. Memorial Day Parade.** The commission discussed the Memorial Day parade. Mr. Flynn will contact Mundelein High School and a bagpiper. The American Legion has agreed to split the cost of the trolley. Walter Szatkowski will contact Gail Wirtz Costello about a horse that we can use as a riderless horse.

**VI. Other Business.**

**A. Miss Mundelein Pageants.** Bill Rekus reported that the Pageant Committee met to consider suggestions made by Cheri Howard on ways to save money. The committee

agreed to print flyers in-house and to eliminate the letters that have been sent to prior queens. The committee also decided to change the way they purchase t-shirts, flowers and photographs. Mr. Rekus reminded Mr. Flynn to apply for the room at Mundelein High School.

**B.** Rich Rothmann asked that the Village consider an arrangement for the Munch grounds that will permit open access between the park and the gazebo so that the Boy Scout display can be accessed more easily. Mr. Flynn will discuss this with staff.

**VII. Next Meeting.** The next meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. at the Mundelein Fire Station Headquarters.

**VIII. Adjournment.** Motion by Rekus, seconded by Szatkowski, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

Minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_