

Committee Minutes

FOR THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE'S
"Special Events" 2025 Committee
OF THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS
For July 8th, 2025 (7:00 PM)

CHAIRMAN HASTINGS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT: at 7:55PM

ROLL CALL: CHAIRPERSON HASTINGS II [P]

Members: Mayor Hastings [E] Tuma [P] Klukis [A] O'Neill [P] Roti [P]
Schmidt [P] Kissane [P] Morrison [P] Petrey [P] Iannantone [P]
Blaha [P] Hanley [P] Haleem [P] Leddin [A] Kowalski [A]

1.) A motion to approve the Committee Minutes dated June 10th, 2025 as presented.

M_K2__2nd__TR__CH Hastings II __Y__ Mayor Hastings _E__ Tuma __Y__
Klukis __A_ Kissane _Y__ O'Neill _Y__ Roti _Y__ Schmidt _Y__ Morrison _Y__
Petrey _Y__ Iannantone _Y__ Hanley _Y__ Blaha _Y__ Haleem _Y__ Leddin _A__

2. Discussion/Recap on Party in the Park 2025:

Recap on Party in the Park 2025

- Competing with other venues
- The wind was horrible and we need more permanent tents for the entrances; will look into adding this to the tent contract.
- Committee would like to see a "Family" Day where we have Princesses/Hero's Meet and Greet with photo, hot dog contest, 3-Leg Races, Pie Eating Contest, Baby Contest, etc. Eliminate the Jumpies because of the weather.
- Discussion on Fireworks for next year and the splash pad area are one in the same and to figure out another location.
- Move the ID check tent with the back of it facing the concession stand for next year
- Still possibly no band after the fireworks – sells were down because of the hot weather. Friday was our best day.

Dates for 2026

- June 19th, June 20th, and June 21st

3. Discussion on Upcoming Events:

Movies in Park

Committee was good with pushing the movies back

- Friday, July 25th – Featuring "Moana"
- Friday, August 22nd – Featuring "Encanto"
- Friday, September 19th – Featuring "Descendants"

Trustee Kissane noted we need more marketing and she would be willing to help out.

National Night Out

Committee agreed to do this next year and to reach out to New Lenox and Illinois National Guard. Staff will work on the research for this event.

Halloween Events:

- Coloring Contest
- Halloween House Decorating Contest
- 32nd Annual Costume Bash (10/25/25)

Thanksgiving Events:

- 32nd Annual Turkey Trot Race (11/8/25)
Medals & Sweatshirts again. Committee discussed colors for the sweatshirt and decide Military Green with the flag and all the military crests on the arm again.

Holiday Happenings:

- Santa Pictures will be on one day (12/6/25)
- Santa Comes to Town is on 12/6/25 and we will be mapping out the exact route for this event as the horses cannot make it through the entire Village. We will market this information in the newsletter and catalogs with specific routes for our residents to come out and see.
- Winter Wonderland Event (12/6/25)
 - Progressing nicely and we have all the main characters booked already.
- Letters to Santa
- Polar Express (Metra)
 - We will be discussing this more in the upcoming committee meetings. We will need to see if the Metra will be having their event as well.
- Breakfast with Santa (12/20/25)

4. Other – Miscellaneous:

5.) A motion to adjourn at [8:37] o'clock p.m.

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