
Meeting Minutes
Board of Management
May 8, 2018 @ HDTC-BIA Office 6pm

Attendance: Clair Culliford, Sgt. Jim Lynds, Darrin Canniff, Connie Beneteau, and Jim Carrington.

NOTE: As Majority was not available for this meeting, all approvals from April's meeting minutes as well as May's meeting minutes will have to be made at the June Board of Management Meeting.

Jim Carrington **called the meeting to order.**

Jim welcomed Darrin Canniff – Councilman and organizer for Captain Positive and **Positivity Day**. This is their 3rd year for Positivity Day and they want to get more people downtown. They have moved their event to the same day as the DTIC Event Sept. 13, 2018. There will still be 12 days of positivity leading up to that date and they plan on working harder to encourage both events at the same time. Different for this year than last is they plan on printing cards (one side positivity and other side can be DTIC) that way the parent of the kids is getting the information. They also plan on have more of a presence during events with a photo booth. Darrin has asked for a donation from the BIA for Positivity Day.

Darrin spoke a little on the **International Plowing Match** also and the IPM plan on having a shuttle bus to bring people downtown. If you have a plan or a pre-planned schedule of events downtown during that time Sept. 18-23, we can have that information in the Chatham-Kent Tent. Most activities are finish in Pain Court around 5pm. You can plan on drawing them here after.

Paul informed Darrin of the concern from the Wallaceburg BIA and **Outside-Event Coordinators**, that has been brought to the Municipality's attention and a request for some resolution.

Approval of Agenda:

Police Report by Sgt Jim Lynds: a hard copy of this month's report was reviewed.

Business Arising from the Previous Board Meeting Minutes:

Approvals from **Previous Meeting Minutes**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest: None

Board Reports:

Chairman: Jim Carrington:

DTIC group has had some difficulty getting together. The Artisan Market Group went downtown to 9 merchants and 8 of them said yes to staying open in July. A group is going to go again next Wednesday. We will wait to see the result for the number of businesses will to stay open late for both July 20 and Sept. 13. We will work with Positivity Day. "The more people downtown the better."

FireFest – is coming back downtown Sept. 29th.

New Businesses downtown were listed.

Co-Chair: Paul Shettell: Infrastructure-Bridge is on schedule to be completed for June. The corner of King & 5th Street (fencing in front of Cup of Joes and the road) is scheduled to be cleaned up for May 18th; downtown revitalization is a program that was planning on getting started with a joint endeavor by Chatham-Wallaceburg-and Dresden BIA and one Chamber. It has been put on hold and will resume after RetroFest.

Secretary: Clair Culliford: Correspondence from OBIAA; Hope Haven Newsletter and the Chamber of Commerce Newsletter. Hope Haven is having a yard sale May 19th. The Big Bike Ride has a few dates downtown in May. Walk-a-Mile in Her Shoes is June 3 and if anyone is interested in attending the Mayor's Breakfast on May 24th please let Connie know to order tickets.

Office/Event Update: Connie-

DTIC – Looking at going back out to visit the businesses again on May 16th with the “Strip Mall” Group to invite Merchants to stay open later on July 20th and September 13th. We will meet at the Paper Pickle, at 2pm.

RetroFest to-date is 179 cars pre-registered online plus hard copies to KHAC. Last year we only had 200 pre-registered but over 600 cars attended. Many new for 2018.

No Miss RetroFest this year

Junior Judges 10 registered. Max.12 can participate.

Activities in the park: Life size PacMan Maze, 2 Ball pits, Gaming Dome and old fashion gaming systems, Racetrack with bicycles, Summo runners, Chub Suites and Zorb Balls, TJ Stables will have pony rides and a small petting zoo, StateFarm will have giant Jenga and kid's activities, Glitter Tattoos (face painting), Hennas and Tarot Readings, jewelry, and apparel. There will be all the goodies from honey, kettle corn, fudge, peanut brittle, ice cream, smoothies, beer nuts, candy apples, pretzels, shaved ice, & deep-fried Oreos. Plus, all the other food vendors and information booths, Beverage Garden, Bands on Stage and a Sponsor tent.

Farmer's Market, to Artisan Market to “**ARTCrawl with Lawn Summer Nights and Strip Mall**” while incorporating the Downtown Businesses that stay open” They will help businesses that stay open by taking picture and advertising for free which will help drive economic growth.

Benches are being repainted and after painting is done, the sidewalks will be cleaned from the rust.

Garbage receptacles get moved from their original location and then the truck cannot get in to empty them. Complaints from city that apartment residence are utilizing the bins and over filling them.

Shooting stars – ongoing.

Advertising: The Chatham Voice advertising for Mother's Day was well received. 1-1/2 pages filled.

Treasurer: Jeff Comiskey: (Financials- Paul Shettell). Financial were reviewed. No outstanding issues.

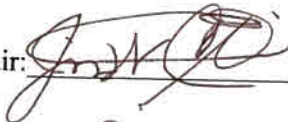
MCK Representative: Brock McGregor -N/A

New Business:

Sponsorship requests: for Positivity Day and Canada Day. No decision can be made on this request. New lights in the trees. Will discuss after RetroFest.

Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting: June 12, 2018

Signed by Chair:



Signed by Secretary:

