

TOWNSHIP OF O'CONNOR – O'CONNOR DAY PLANNING MEETING
NOTES – June 21, 2010

Notes of the O'Connor Day Planning meeting held on Monday, June 21, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

Present: Mayor Nelson
Councillors: Garbutt, Nygard, Vezina
Clerk-Treasurer Buob, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Racicot

Visitors: Ron Biloski, Dennis Roy
Ronda Martin, Tammy Cook - O'Connor Community Club
Fire Chief Henry Mattas, Fire Department and First Response members
Willy and Leanne Coderre, Greg Biloski, Stefan Derech, Aaron Rutledge,
Thomas Gratz, Mike Styles, Randy Turk, Dennis Delyea

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

This meeting was called to start the planning for the 10th Annual O'Connor Day, which will be held on Saturday, August 28th with a rain date of August 29th this year.

The pros and cons of O'Connor Day 2009 were discussed. The change in last years layout, with the horseshoe pits moved and more area for tables in the food area worked well. One set of bleachers from the ball diamond area will also be moved over to the horseshoe pit area this year. The Community club area was good. The movie worked out well last year. All the sound problems were figured out from the previous year. It was suggested that if possible two people will sell food tickets, especially during the rush periods. Aprons will be purchased for the workers in the BBQ area so they are not getting your clothes all greasy. It was agreed that no pogos will be sold this year. The breakfast worked out well last year and will be done again this year.

Council informed those present that the grand opening of the municipal office will be held at 2:00 p.m. prior to the start of O'Connor Day. This will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, cake and a tour of the building. It was suggested that since we are getting a discounted prices for all our buns for O'Connor Day that the cake be ordered from Nucci's Bake A Deli.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the liquor permit this year would have to be for a Significant Event not a Community Festival as in previous years. The Alcohol and Gaming Commission contacted the Township last year to inform us that only charitable organizations with a registered number could have community festivals.

The 2009 schedule of events and the map of the area were reviewed. It was agreed that the fenced in area for the liquor permit will be expanded this year to include the horseshoe pits area. It was agreed to keep the rest of the setup the same this year.

The attendance draws were cut back last year to having the first draw at 5:00 p.m. and then held again at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. This worked well and will be done this way again. Donations will again need to be collected and request for donation letters were handed out to anyone interested.

Games for this year were discussed. The paintball area was discussed. Two more poles are needed to help keep the tarp tight. It was agreed that the obstacle course went over well. It was a timed event with 20 balls to see who could hit the most targets in a set time. Mr. Dennis Roy has asked to setup a shooting area next to the paintball area. He will run it independently and supply his own equipment and related materials. He has an air driven bazooka, water bottle rocket launcher, scenario paintball replica and a browning 1919 mounted on a tripod. The area will be blocked for safety purposes allowing access only from the paintball area side. Council has agreed to allow him to use this area for his shooting range. He will charge a fee to cover his costs. The Children's carnival was again a success last year. Mr. Biloski will again organize and run the carnival. He will ask for a donation of \$100.00 from the Township to help cover the costs of some of the prizes. Council was in agreement to make the donation. The bucksaw contest and nail driving will again be held. The Horseshoe tournament and the cribbage tournament will again be held. Timing will be the same as last year.

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Displays were discussed. The Norwest Community Health would like to setup a static display this year inside the building explaining what their services include to try and increase their cliental here in O'Connor. The Women's Institute will be asked if they wish to have a display again this year. The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority will also set up a static display inside the building. The Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Provincial Police had excellent displays last year and will be asked if they would like to come out again this year. It was noted that possibly the Salvation Army has expressed an interest in setting up a display to promote what they do for a community. The Tired Iron Club will again be invited to participate.

Music for the day was discussed. John and Yvonne Smart will be celebrating their 40th anniversary at O'Connor Day and they have offered to pay for a live band if the group agreed it to it. Everyone was in agreement that this would be a great idea. The band will be asked to play between 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. They do have a couple of bands in mind but have not asked if they are available as yet. Dennis Roy also mentioned that he has a friend in a band and he will ask him if he would be available and what the cost would be. Back ground music will be played for the balance of the time.

The amount of food to order was discussed. Similar numbers to last year will be used again. No pogos will be ordered. Chicken was suggested as a new food item but it was agreed to not add it to the menu. The cost of the food will be checked to insure that we are covering our costs and to see if we need to increase the prices of any food items. Yvonne Smart will again make coney sauce and it was suggested that it be prepared the night before so that it is ready and the volunteers serving the food during the day won't have to. The fire department will not be serving toasted persians this year. The BBQ will be booked from Party Pro again if it is available.

The dollar value of the fireworks was discussed and it was agreed to have a total show cost of \$3,500.00. Donations will again be requested.

The group was asked if they wanted to see anything new or had any suggestions for anything new. It was suggested that the fire department sell cotton candy. This will be discussed further amongst the department members.

Volunteers will again be needed. Key volunteers from previous years will not be available this year. A request went out for everyone to see if they can round up some people for this year.

Special presentations and funding announcements will again be made at 7:00 p.m.

Invitations will be sent out to the MPP's and MP's, the surrounding municipalities, the Township lawyer and auditors.

Fire Chief Mattas will arrange for the tables and chairs, the scaffolding and a stage.

The O'Connor Community Club will again have the concession selling soft drinks, water, snacks and candy and glow products. The inflatable jumper will also again be used.

The Liquor permit will have to be submitted soon and it will have to be in someone's name that will be at O'Connor Day all day.

Councillor Bishop Racicot will be asked if he can arrange to see if Hydro One could donate a bike again this year.

It was decided that another meeting will be held on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 7 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor

Clerk-Treasurer