



Johnstown Events Committee  
Wednesday, May 5, 2021 - 4:00 PM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Ben Lee called to order the Events Committee for May 5, 2021 at 4:17 pm

Members Present - Benjamin Lee, Janet Piper, Amy Treciak  
Absent - Doug Lehner

Village Staff present - Police Chief Haroon, Teresa Monroe-Clerk of Council

Public present - Fire Chief Wright, Tim Swauger-Johnstown Monroe School Board President, Monica Gernert - JYAA, Chad Brown-Licking County Health Commissioner

2. Action on Minutes

a. April 23, 2021

**ACTION:** Ben Lee moved to Approve; Janet Piper seconded and all were in favor.  
**AYES:** Benjamin Lee, Janet Piper  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSTAIN:** None

**Passed 2 - 0**

3. Committee Discussion - Breakout Meeting Updates

- Little Miss Firecracker/Miss Johnstown: Pageants moving forward; using Opera House.
- Johnstown-Monroe Schools: No public to use the practice field because new grass is planted. Waiting to see what health guidelines will be. Had concern for shell debris falling on the field, Chief Wright said in his experience with past shows, they have not seen damage; Tim Swauger said the concern is more if they were to go with bigger shells in the future, no objection to moving forward with the current state.
- Green Chapel Properties: Mr. Lee reached out, they have no issue with the exclusion zone over the wooded area to the south of JYAA, will be getting ok in writing as well.

4. Licking County Health Dept. Participation/Discussion w/ Commissioner Brown

Health Commissioner Chad Brown joined to provide direction for the event from the CDC and Licking County Health Department.

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Updated guidance provided:

- There is no limit on seating capacity for outdoor events; no groups of more than ten sitting together and if there is, other groups should be ten feet from them.
- Suggests signage that talks about and encourages social distancing, make announcements during the event.
- Guidance is that if you are vaccinated and outdoors, you no longer need to wear a mask but if desired, event coordinators could still require them to be worn.
- Cases are dropping; as of today the case rate was 104 per 100,000, if it goes under 100 per 100,000 we will go back to category yellow. Governor said if cases dropped to 50 per 100,000 he will lift all orders.
- Food at the event is not a problem; would just need to socially distance people in line, give visual direction. Mr. Brown said he is willing to send a staff member to walk through the plan if needed for specific guidance. He would also be happy to give guidance on any plan sent to him.

Monica with JYAA asked if the groups of ten applied to JYAA property during the event; Mr. Brown said the same recommendations apply.

Mr. Swauger said he did not have any concerns, unless the village wants something different, they just plan to follow the Licking County Health rules.

5. School Participation/Discussion w/ School Board Representative

Tim Swauger said the girls softball field outfield is still growing grass, that could be a concern if it doesn't thicken up. On the practice field between the stadium and high school, ok with it being a viewing area, good with walking on it, sitting in lawn chairs or blankets, not ok with vehicles. Pedestrian traffic would also be weather dependent. Another area - girls softball field. Main concern is trash cleanup after the event.

Discussion with JYAA representative Monica Gernert. Mr. Lee asked for a resolution or something formal authorizing use of JYAA property for the event. Chief Haroon recommended left turn only when vehicles leave JYAA

6. Committee Consideration of Next Steps

Janet to follow up with Legion to see if they are available to present the colors.

Ben to check on .... and using village employees for cleanup

Follow up with Jim Lenner on food trucks, check on local food trucks for participation interest.

7. Schedule Next Meeting

8. Other Business

9. Adjourn

There was no further business and Mr. Lee adjourned the meeting at 5:43 pm.