



Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 13, 2020

Location: Zoom

Secretary Susan Charlier

I. Call to Order 9:07 am - Chamber President Derek Berg

II. Farmer's Market

Derek Berg - Farmer's Markets are deemed essential – but lots of people showing up – I'm not sure we can be 100% confident that the public can police themselves. That means we have to support that with signage and volunteers – at least 2 volunteers to help during each market. Laura Marquardt – Farmer's Market vendors are ready to go. They will follow IL guidelines – everybody should wear a mask and social distance.

Question – Is the Risk vs. Reward?

Laura Marquardt – I would love to see market go. Ultimately what you do in your home is fine, but in the public, have to follow the rules. I don't mind standing there at the market and sending people home. They have guidelines to follow as well. We're going to need some help to make sure people follow rules. One way in and one way out – cafeteria style. VOTE - YES

Diane Adams – I would like to see it and other towns are still putting them on. They're putting up traffic directions and being strict. The farmer needs to be strict too and wear a mask. Not a huge market. I would at least like to try it. VOTE - YES

Sue O'Connell – I'd like to try it. Coordinating traffic and have 2-3 people at a time. And staggered more cafeteria style. Maybe contactless payment? Need signage at beginning – rules, mask, tape down for traffic flow. Can we get police to sit there? Derek- village supports the market but will not staff it. VOTE - YES

Susan Charlier – I support the Farmer's Market, we just have to be careful with crowds and everybody wearing a mask. I like the contactless cash idea. VOTE – YES

Mark Rediehs – I support it, not a fan of policing it. Farmers need to know they have to follow rules. All states are so different. We all have to be responsible for ourselves. It's a lot of work to set up and take down. I'm glad to get it started but need more volunteers. It starts at 7 am, public works drops stuff off night before and I and Laura set up cones and fencing. This year it will be more work with signage, etc. Could we push back start time to 7:30 am and then village public works could possibly set it up? VOTE - YES

Meredith Lannert – I think we should have it, put up signage and let adults be adults. I don't think it's our job to follow the rules. I'm happy to help with set up. Vendors can police people. VOTE – YES

Derek Berg – Maybe a recorded message would help with self-policing. I have a speaker we can use. It's a tough sell to get volunteers. If you use volunteers – businesses who sponsor get branding, signage, etc. We need to talk to farmers who are benefiting from this and put pressure on them to monitor so market is run safely. VOTE - YES

Next Steps

- Signage – Laura will check with Murphy’s Sign Studio to get a new sign to use on the village triangle & use Derek’s sandwich board with key points.
- Derek will call public works about set up village maintenance setting up cones, etc.
- Laura will let vendors know that the Farmer’s Market is a go.

Farmer’s Market Starts June 4**III. Meeting Adjourned 10:09 am**

NEXT MEETING – CLARENDON HILLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020 | 9:00 AM | ZOOM MEETING