

3-10-2025 WCCHCP Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Orrville City Mayor Matt Plybon, Orrville United Way Jenny McFarren, Wayne County Health Department Elesa Eaken, Orrville Salvation Army Nicholas McFarren, Orrville Chamber of Commerce Dan Franks, Orrville YMCA Lindsey Baumgartner, Barbara Lorson, 3i Solutions Brian Reich & Orrville Citizen Kim Keith.

EE led the meeting & opened with introductions.

Farmers Market:

1. Reviewed the FM entertainer application & agreements. The budget was moved around a bit in order to remain within grant amount. Musical stepping stones were ordered & the rest of the equipment will be ordered soon. MP showed us a map of the park area. We have 2 entertainers interested. EE will get their agreements out to them ASAP. EE will share links of the entertainers with us so we can see who is interested. KK asked if there will be a ceremony on opening day of FM on May 3rd. DF will be tying all FM info in with his initiatives.

We need more vendors, only 7 as of today. What is our maximum #'s? MP showed us a map of the area. KK will share the FM with Wayne County Dog Shelter & Wayne County Humane Society. Dogs can be a crowd pleaser. DF wanted to add a change on the entertainer agreements to include a statement, the entertainers are to make sure they bring all supplies, including extension cords, etc.

2. Review of location:

MP checking to see if WIFI is available at FM area. DF suggested 10 x 10 spots vs. # of vendors. NM figured there would be approximately 36 total slots. Orrville Library will need 3 spots = 30 x 30. Discussed placement of vendors, such as Orrville Library, Dogs, etc. Also suggested food trucks such as Otts, Tommy's, etc. perhaps city can have a few tables/chairs to eat, socialize, etc. NM updated FM map with spacing of spots.

3. WIC & Senior Vouchers:

Senior Vouchers can't be done until the FM has been established one year. WIC-we need a Market Master in order to do this. Maybe a vendor would step up? EE sent out 15 snail mails for vendors. Perhaps getting in touch with Baumans Orchard, Rittman Orchard, Harveys Market.

4. Market Master:

If we can't get a Market Master, do we want to split the market days up among us? Advertise for the Market Manager, reaching out to Akron-Wayne College, local Dieticians, etc. so we can figure out how & where donations go. Do an ad for the Market Manager position & put in Bargain Hunter & Dalton Newspaper? NM will check with his board members. Explain in more detail what a Paid Volunteer is. Group overall felt best to have a Market Master instead of a farmer. Both ways we could take WIC. Meeting members will bring this up to Rotary Members & their Board Members for possible volunteer. Preferably the FM can be fiscally managed

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through an already existing 501(c)3 organization. LB is pretty sure Rotary could do this because they do all the time for YMCA events

5: Signs:

Do we still want A Frame signs? EE will check on donated signs. EE will also be ordering the canvas bags.

6. Park Renovations:

Going on as planned.

7. Day of Caring:

JM says there's an overwhelming amount of volunteers for the day! Working with MP to see how city can help. EE & others from WCHD will be volunteering that day.

8. PSE Assessment for Rittman:

EE was heading up to Rittman to take pictures of their parks. The Assessment will be different than Orrville because will have more planning time. KK from Rittman & volunteered to assist EE as needed in the process.

9. Next Steps:

EE will be sharing more info on Facebook regarding the FM, need for vendors & volunteers. A media release will be sent to us for review.

A few conflicts of market space between other events occurring such as Rails to Trails & Orrville Class Reunion. Dates of 6/7 & 7/12 are the conflicting dates. MP will share with us once date of Depot Park construction is to begin. Maybe check with UCC since they wanted to host the FM originally. Maybe they'd like to host those 2 dates?

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, March 31, 2025 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Orrville Boys & Girls Club.