

3-31-2025 WCCHCP Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Orrville City Mayor Matt Plybon, Orrville United Way Jenny McFarren, Wayne County Health Department Elesa Eaken, Orrville Chamber of Commerce Dan Franks, Orrville Boys and Girls Club Josh Nolan, Orrville City Schools Barbara Lorson, Job and Family Services Anna Fink, Wayne County Health Commissioner Nick Cascarelli & Orrville Citizen Kim Keith.

EE led the meeting & opened with introductions.

Farmers Market:

1. Discussed the vendor badges and EE showed the Market Master binder that she created to assist when we do find one.

2. Still looking for a Market Master, EE will be there to serve in place of for at least the first market.

- Team has decided to try and split the position allowing an organization to maintain the finances and then someone or a group to serve as the entity at the market.
- The Development Team may be interested in taking on the finance portion.
- EE will reach out to see about the potential of having a U of A student for the additional portion.

3. All park equipment has been purchased. Supplies for the farmer's market has also been ordered.

4. Orrville signs discussed. We will be received 10 signs at no cost. They are working on printing them. Wording on the signs state at the Union Depot. There was discussion that this may be confusing.

Outcome: currently wording will remain the same for now.

5. Grand Opening:

- EE will print farmer's market coloring books that were shown at the meeting, and has ordered crayons.
- Grocery bags have been ordered to give to participants.
- DF discussed the Buy here, Thrive here kick off taking place the same day and how they can boost attendance by making the market one of their stops on the "passport" tour.
- JN has a connection to potentially acquiring a bounce house.
- EE is working on getting a food truck for the opening day.
- The Romak Foundation makes space may possibly be interested in providing promotional materials.
- Press release went out to the Daily Record, Orrviews, Dalton Gazette, the Free Press, and the radio.
- Facebook posts have been made and EE suggested everyone share to gain views.
- Currently 5 vendors are signed up.
- KK has shared information will the dog shelter. She will try to reach out again and so will EE.
- Vendors are expected to bring their own equipment.

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, April 21, 2025 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Orrville Boys & Girls Club.