

Peoria Municipal Band Commission Minutes

May 9, 2024

Dingledine at Bradley University

In attendance: Molly Slotter, Chair; Dr. David Vroman, Director; George Graves, Jr., Manager; Denise Cooksey, Liaison; and Commissioners: Don Baker, Mary Barthel, Marcia Boyer and Dave Liddle.

Guests: Dr. Shamra Robinson (City Link) and Darren Graves (City of Peoria Green Infrastructure Coordinator)

Called to Order: 8 am.

Minutes: of the April 11 meeting were approved by Mary Barthel, seconded by Marcia Boyer.

Manager's Report: George presented a bill from Dr. Vroman for expenses for the website - \$43.97.

George reported that he talked to Sie Maroon of the Public works department. The city will take care of expenses for transportation of equipment, maintenance on trailer and any overtime incurred.

George and Molly met with City Budget Director Kyle Cratty who indicated he would be willing to talk with the muni band about covering other unexpected expenses.

Director's Report: Dr. Vroman reported he is holding auditions for singers and players. There are openings in percussion, trumpet, horn and clarinet sections.

Dr. Vroman talked to Pat Sullivan about the possibility of the muni band playing on Water Street on July 3 (since they won't be playing a concert at Glen Oak Park) and was told it wouldn't be possible to play there. Therefore we need a location to play a concert on that date. Mary will check with St. Vincent and we will also check with Nick regarding playing at Lakeview.

The band (mini) has been asked to play at Glen Oak for Founders' Day on September 7. Dr. Vroman will check with the band to see if there are enough people available.

Chair's Report: Molly reported that Kyle Cratty has ordered all necessary sound equipment.

She also showed the new yard signs (has purchased 100).

Molly also reported we have received some gift cards to be given away at concerts and will be getting more.

Dr. Shamra Robinson from City Link said they are wanting to be more involved in the community.

Darren Graves, Green Infrastructure Coordinator, gave some ideas on how to work with the city and suggested we find out where the muni band falls in the budget.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:01

Submitted by Marcia Boyer