

Minutes for the City of Sterling Municipal Band Commission

June 8, 2020

Commissioners:

Gonzalo S. Reyes – Chair

Kevin O’Keefe – Vice Chair

Amy Boze – Secretary

Allen Lee – Treasurer

Vacant position

Staff:

Annette Hackbarth – Director

Others in Attendance:

Scott Shumard – City Manager

Tony Crisp

I. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission was held on 06/08/2020 at 6:09 p.m. via remote meeting pursuant to Governor Pritzker’s Executive Order no. 2020-17 (COVID-19) no. 5.

Commissioner Reyes called the meeting to order and attendance was taken showing four Commissioners were present.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner O’Keefe made a motion to approve the following consent items:

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Band Director Report

Band Manager Report

Commissioner Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Lee reported that the city staff is closing out the fiscal year, and financial information was not available. A full report will be ready for next month.

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No requests were made by members of the public for comment.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Due to gathering restrictions enacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic Annette has put together a plan to keep the SMB in the public eye for the Summer season. Last week was the first of the chamber ensemble videos made available to the public through Facebook and YouTube. The online concert was well-received. The chamber group concerts will continue through June. Then, if Illinois moves into Phase 4 of the recovery plan, we will record concerts at Grandon. They will be recorded on Tuesdays and be posted online on Wednesdays. Annette plans to use approximately 30 people in the group to keep under the Phase 4 guidelines.

Annette reported that all the guest conductors and concerts have moved their dates to 2021.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to approve the summer 2021 appearance fees of \$1200 each for Brian Dollinger, Bryan Miller, Robert Sheldon and Jonathan Poquette. Commissioner O'Keefe seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Boze made a motion to approve the summer 2021 concert fees of \$2000 for Jush Duffee and his Orchestra, and \$1800 for the Illinois Brass Band. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Annette has written a draft of the donor letter – Commissioner Lee will look it over and put it in Dropbox for the commissioners to review.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Annette has been in contact with all the publishers of the music we will be using for the summer recordings. Copyright permission has been obtained for everything we are performing. Projected costs for copyright for the whole summer are around \$650.

Commissioner Reyes reported that he had been contacted by SPS Superintendent Tad Everett regarding Illinois State Board of Education guidelines for using the school during Phase 3 of the recovery. The procedures that Annette and the band have been following during the recording session are in compliance, except for taking temperatures as each member arrives. Commissioner Reyes has purchased a thermometer, and Paul will begin taking temperatures this week.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to go into executive session at 6:44pm. It was seconded by Commissioner Lee and passed unanimously.

Tony Crisp has applied for the vacant commissioner position. The commission and band staff will meet to interview Mr. Crisp on June 24 at 5:15 at the Coliseum.

Commissioner Lee made a motion to return to open session at 6:51p.m. It was seconded by Commissioner Boze and passed unanimously.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

The July meeting will be held in person at the Coliseum.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Boze seconded the motion which carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Secretary Amy Boze and submitted to Band Manager Paul Ausman for submission to the Clerk of the City of Sterling.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Ausman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Paul Ausman

SMB Band Manager

The next regular meeting of the Sterling Municipal Band Commission will be

Monday June 8th, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers

located on the first floor of City Hall, 212 Third Ave, Sterling, IL. 61081