

Wellesley Apple Butter & Cheese Festival

Minutes

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 – 7:30 p.m.

Bill Gies Recreation Complex
1401 Queen's Bush Rd
Community Meeting Room 201

Voting Members Present: Jamie Reid, Dave Zyta, Ronald Bisch, Theresa Bisch,

Voting Members Absent: Derek Brick, Mike Moser Cathy Koch, George Poole, Katie Reid, Alecia Henderson

Auxiliary Members Present: Terry Gerber, Christa Gerber, Sean Bond, Michael Fritz, John Jacobs, Larry Kryski, Carrie Siewert, Kelly Deneka

Staff:

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1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.
 2. **Disclosures of Pecuniary interest:** None
 3. **Adoption of Minutes: Motion** to adopt the minutes of the January 14, 2025 meeting as printed: Ron Bisch, Seconded by Jamie Reid. Carried.
 4. **Presentations/Delegations/Communications:** None
 5. **Unfinished Business:**
 - O/S:** Transition to new Rec Complex for 2026. The ABC Festival requires site plans and George Poole is waiting for electrical drawings before moving ahead with plans for running electricity. More discussion on this at a future meeting.
 - O/S:** The Market will be completely located outdoors because the old arena will not be available for the 2025 Festival. This may result in fewer vendors, thus affecting profits for 2025. The location of the Hard Cider Tasting and the band has not been determined. Dave Zyta indicated that he will not oversee the Hard Cider Tasting this year, however he would assist anyone who would be willing to run it.
 - O/S:** ABC Wall in the arena – a cost estimate of between \$1595 and \$1800 plus tax was obtained for this project depending on the type of film required. A discount of \$250 will be given if the company advertises on the wall. No decisions on whether to move forward with the project since there wasn't a quorum of voting members present at the meeting.

O/S: The Lions Club requested that the Wellesley Apple Butter and Cheese Festival Committee fund four of the Lions members to become food handlers at a cost of \$100 each. Derek Brick will investigate the requirements to determine how many people need to be trained. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

O/S: Potential dance after the 2025 Festival. Bob Reid to report.

O/S: Transition to new storage building. Derek Brick indicated that racking would not be a suitable solution to the storage space and building a mezzanine is the best idea. This needs more research before moving forward.

The 2025 Budget will be taken to Township Council for the February 25th committee meeting, along with a presentation on the 2 Gateway signs for the entrances to the village. The committee meeting starts at 5:45 p.m.

O/S: 4-H Petting Zoo. Tim Leis to give an update.

6. **New Business:**

Round Table Reports:

Kelly Deneka and Katie Reid reported that the market vendor application forms are now on-line, and vendors are applying.

Larry Kryski will continue to work on the pictures from the Festival and will send them to MaryAnn Perry.

Jamie Reid will be requesting some funding from Enova Power.

7. **Financial Report:** Theresa Bisch reported the Township reserve currently has a balance of \$101,508.71. Interest for December 2024 and January 2025 has not been applied to the account yet.

8. **Next Meeting:** March 11th, 2025 – 7:30 p.m. at the Bill Gies Recreation complex.

9. **Adjournment:** 7:55 p.m.