
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

From: Chad Pelishek, Assistant Village Manager

VILLAGE OF HARRISON

Meeting Date: 1/28/2025

Title: Board Decision on whether to have fireworks or a drone show for Village Celebration on proposed date of July 17, 2025.

Issue: Does the Village Board support a drone show at Farmers Field in lieu of the fireworks for the Village celebration event?

Background and Additional Information:

In 2023 and 2024, the Village received multiple complaints on the debris from the Village sponsored fireworks show at Darboy Park. Village staff has been working with the Kiwanis Club to consider moving the July 17, Sport night event to Farmers Field since it is a larger park with more off-street parking and less houses to be affected by the fireworks.

Village staff has been researching the completion trying a drone show in lieu of the fireworks. It costs about \$120 per drone and with the budget we could get about 20–25-minute show with 200 to 250 drones that the Village would help develop. We found a vendor in WI that could complete the show. If a drone show is selected, it would need to move to Farmers Field for space to launch the drones.

An example of the 200 drone show in Rockford IL:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1dUqTuKOr1_qBagbtFL2Kw6sVjGu9ZUo8/view?usp=drive_link

Staff believes this would be something different and unique for the area and suggests giving it a try as something different.

Budget Impacts: \$30,000-35,000 budgeted expense.

Recommended Action: Motion to recommend staff work with the Northern Lights Drone Show to develop a drone show at Farmers Field for the Village Celebration.

Attachments: