

State of Illinois

County of Will

Town of Crete

CRETE TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES (USAFEST) MEETING

February 10, 2026

The special board meeting of the Crete Township Board of Trustees was called to order by Supervisor Liccar at 6:00 PM.

The board members present were Trustee Elton, Trustee Albrecht, Trustee Hawkins, Trustee Sterdivant (Excused Absent) and Supervisor Liccar. Clerk Buiter was also present.

A Pledge of Allegiance was given.

REPORTS:

Supervisor Liccar introduced a new participant from the Northwest Territorial Alliance who do reenactments of revolutionary war and other historical battles. She isw interested in participating in the Crete Township USAFEST. She also have games to demonstrate to the public and other historical items..They will have about 3 to 4 people to demonstrate the different activities. She also know fifes and drummer players group. the meeting discussing the changing of the USAFEST date of the event which was originally scheduled for July 11, 2026. Carol Milsap mentioned that Crete Park District is having an event on the same day at the community center. She suggested we move the date from July 11 to July 18, 2026. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that we should change it to July 18, 2026. The group was okay with the change. The times should be 11:00 am to 4:00 PM. We will be calling the event Crete Township USAFEST. Carol Milsap also introduces Tracey Barbour who will be instrumental in coordinating the singing/music for the event. Tim Piepenbrink is working on getting an ice cream vendor who makes ice cream with steam engines. Also working with few vendors who he met at Buckley Homestead, including pumpernickel pewter and a braiding vendor. No commitments yet. They are wondering how much we are charging. General discussion was about a nominal fee of \$25 and Tim asked some of the vendors and they stated they pay between \$25 and \$100. Supervisor Liccar mentioned a nominal fee of \$25. Trustee Elton brought up the point some vendors will require certain number of participants and if they do not get participation, they charge for not getting the people out. Resident Betsy mentioned that we can charge \$25 for retailers making the braids or selling merchandise and \$50 for food vendors. Supervisor Liccar liked the suggestion. The group agreed with suggestion. Trustee Elton mentioned that food vendors have to be inspected by the Will County. Supervisor Liccar mentioned that he is working on getting the blacksmith. He also mentioned reenactments groups who might be interested in participating. Clothing costumes like Revolutionary War attire and other types of participation. It was mentioned there are Betsy Ross costume contests out there.

Supervisor Liccar would like to acknowledge some of the nonprofits, veteran and police and firemen in the community. Lions Club, the Women's Club, and the Food Pantry could have the participants be judged and give prizes/plagues out. Tim Piepenbrink mentioned the reenactment group called the daughters of the American Revolution War. Resident Supervisor Liccar's mom belongs to this group. He will also reach out to the Fort

Dearborn Sons of America group. We will also in getting and fife and drum ensemble to play at this event. He also mentioned that cannon firing with blanks would be good. Reca says she has two cannons and she will check into getting us those for the event. We would like to a scavenger hunt for the kids We talked about fireworks. He thinks it might be beyond our budget. Truste Elton brought the carriage rides, and he does not like the idea, so we decided not to have carriage rides. Supervisor Liccar mentioned we should inform the vendors that need credit card readers or Zelle or Venmo or phone apps. Crete Township does have credit card readers. We will have pony rides for the kids, and we do have more room now with the back area cleared up. Supervisor Liccar mentioned fishing activities for the kids and will do them in the future. Supervisor Liccar and Trustee Albrecht will look in the banjo players and bagpipes and the fife and drum groups. Sandy and Tim will look into barbershop quartet and bluegrass singers. Supervisor Liccar will investigate the storyteller. Tracy will investigate putting a musical tribute for the America 250th Anniversary events. We have AL Mack and Mary Watts and Tracy who are recording artists. Magic show was mentioned for the kids and was investigated for the kids. Supervisor Liccar mentioned he will reach out to Dan the blacksmith and he also does soap manufacturing and candle manufacturing. He also makes raccoon stew and other food items. Let's reach out to who we need to get to the event. Sandy wants to put together a mural highlighting the events of the period. It was mentioned it might be a good idea for the kids. They would put the paint and art on tile background. Supervisor Liccar will look into the price of it. The next meeting is going to be February 10, 2026, at 6 PM at the Community Center.

A motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Elton, seconded by Trustee Hawkins. All were in favor. Adjournment passes. The meeting stands adjourned at 6:55PM PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Jim Buiter, Clerk