

Clio Amphitheater Board
Clio City Hall - October 16, 2025

Meeting Called to Order at 5:04pm

Roll Call

Present: Doug Vance, Judy Campbell, Craig Nelson, Michael Paciorek, Judy Barrett

Absent: Bill Fagerstrom, Reneé Wagle

Also Present: Neil Rankin, Charlie Hyde

Public Comment /Presentations

Tacoma President Charlie Hyde reported he is continuing to winterize the Tacoma storage sheds on the Amphitheater grounds.

Approve Agenda

Motion by Judy Barrett, **supported** by Doug Vance to approve the agenda for the **October 16, 2025** meeting.

All yeas

Absent: Bill Fagerstrom, Reneé Wagle

Motion carried

Approve Minutes of September 18, 2025 Clio Amphitheater Board Meeting

Motion by Doug Vance, **supported** by Michael Paciorek to approve the minutes of the Clio Amphitheater **September 18, 2025** Board meeting.

All yeas

Absent: Bill Fagerstrom, Reneé Wagle

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Judy Campbell reviewed the treasurer's report covering the period of **July 1, 2025** through **September 30, 2025**. As of **July 1, 2025**, the Amphitheater **balance** was **\$99,260.43**. During this period there was **income** of **\$30,406.58** and **expenses** of **\$42,336.90**. As of **September 30, 2025** the Amphitheater **balance** is **\$83,337.80**. There is also **\$4,441.59.00** in the **Capital Improvement account**.

Motion by Doug Vance to receive the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business

A) **Sign Repair Update** - Nothing to Report

B) **Bat Removal Update**

Neil Rankin reported the "Bat Man" company will be accessing the bat situation in the back stage area this week in order to resolve the bat problem.

C) **Confirm the plan for 8 Amphitheater shows** for the **2025 season planned for the following dates:**

Tues, June 16 **Tues, June 23** **Tues, June 30** **Tues, July 14** **Tues, July 21**

Tues, July 28 **Tues, Aug 4** and **Wed, Aug. 12 2026**

Motion by Bill Fagerstrom, **supported** by Judy Barrett to present **8 concerts** during the **2026 season** with the intention of booking the **eight** shows (at or near) the amount spent in 2025 for **six** concerts. The cost for the 2025 season was **\$43,050.00** which included the **cost of talent, sound, and lights**.

Roll Call Vote:

Voting Yes: Doug Vance, Craig Nelson, Michael Paciorek, Judy Barrett

Voting No: Judy Campbell

Absent: Bill Fagerstrom, Reneé Wagle

Motion Carried

D) Update on winterizing Building and Finishing Ticket Booth

Craig Nelson reported the Clio High School shop teacher who designed the Ticket Booth will offer options for winterizing the Ticket Booth.

E) Other uses for Amphitheater Facility such as Movie Nights, Karaoke, etc.

Michael Paciorek shared information he gathered regarding movies at the Amphitheater. For a public showing a film license is required which could cost approximately \$400.00 – \$500.00. If the Amphitheater were to charge for viewing the movie the Amphitheater would most likely owe 50% of ticket money earned for showing the movie. The cost of purchasing a screen to show the movie and speakers could amount to approximately \$3,000 to 4,000.

After a discussion the consensus was **NOT** to offer amphitheater movies during the 2026 season.

F) Steps to Separate Amphitheater From Rest of Park in City Ordinance

Neil Rankin shared information about possibly separating the Amphitheater from the City Park and the fact that some of the Parks and Recreation information may need to be updated.

New Business

A) Ways to work with other groups/organizations

There was a discussion regarding inviting Greg Fielder, head of the Greater Flint Art Council, to visit one of the Clio Amphitheater Board meetings to discuss or give advice about interacting with other Art groups in Genesee County.

B) Agreement with Clio Schools

A discussion was held regarding the importance of continuing to use the Clio Schools parking area for Amphitheater events. Neil Rankin will work with the Clio City lawyer to develop a possible parking agreement with Clio Schools.

C) Rental to Outside Organizations

In the past the agreement was that use of the Amphitheater was free to non-profit groups and there was a charge for all other groups. It was noted there were very few requests for use of the Amphitheater.

D) Rebuilding the Stairs from Downtown

There was a discussion that the stairs from downtown either need to be repaired or removed. Neil Rankin reported the City is aware of the stairs issue and the removal/repair is one of the City priorities.

E) Amphitheater Ticket Prices for 2026

There was a discussion regarding Amphitheater ticket prices for 2026.

Motion by Michael Paciorek, supported by Doug Vance to keep the individual Amphitheater ticket prices at **\$7.00** per show.

All yeas

Absent: Bill Fagerstrom, Reneé Wagle

Motion carried

At the next Amphitheater meeting in November there will be a discussion regarding the cost of Season Passes.

F) Sponsorships

In the past Sponsorships (with the sponsor listed in the Amphitheater Program) went to those donating **\$2,000.00** or more. After a discussion the consensus was to continue designating those who donated at least \$2,000.00 as Amphitheater sponsors.

Motion by Doug Vance, supported by Michael Paciorek, to keep the sponsoring cost at **\$2,000.00**.

All yeas

Absent: Bill Fagerstrom, Reneé Wagle

Motion carried

G) Holiday Promotion for Ticket Sales

A discussion was held regarding this issue. The Holiday Promotion issue will be discussed at the November meeting.

H) Volunteer Incentives

This issue was discussed. It was noted that often there were either too many or too few volunteers at the concerts. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting.

Staff / Board Reports

None

Meeting Adjourned at 6:25pm

**Next Meeting --- Wednesday, November 12, 2025 5:00pm
Clio City Hall**

Possible shows for the 2026 season

June 16	Epic Eagles.....	5,000
June 23	
June 30	
July 14	Mystic Highway (CCR tribute).....	3,500
July 21	Aeroforce (Aerosmith tribute).....	4,000
July 28	
Aug. 4 Shout (Beatles tribute).....		1,600
Aug. 12	Air Margaritaville (Jimmy Buffett)	2,750
Total		16,850

Others who have provided quotes within our budget:

Michael Jackson & Bruno Mars.....	6,000
Tom Petty with Stevie Nicks.....	1,800
Persuasion.....	3,500
Strait Outta Texas (George Strait tribute)	6,000

Preferably two big name country shows such as Brooks and Dunn, George Strait, Kenny Chesney or a combination Country Stars show and then one for the younger people such as Taylor Swift, etc. to round out the eight dates.

Last year:

\$38,550 on talent	
\$4,500 sound and lights	
TOTAL.....	43,050

This year based on above 5 shows plus sound and lights for all 8 dates:

\$16,850 on talent	
\$6,000 sound and lights	
TOTAL.....	\$32,850
Difference of.....	\$10,200

That means we could spend \$3,400 on talent for each of the three vacant dates (\$10,200 divided by 3 shows) and be with last year's expenditures but providing us two additional gates (8 shows instead of 6) to increase revenue.

I am also trying to reach out to Dan Richards and the Michigan Country Music Hall of Fame to see if we could hold a concert featuring their members and maybe even be a home away from home for them.