

**South Russell Village Parks Committee Meeting Minutes**

**January 9, 2018**

Members present: Martha Bistriz, Jerry Canton, Bill Howell, Ted Kruse. Member(s) absent: Greg Pike. Guests: Matthew Marting, Mrs. Marting

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT BEES:** The meeting opened with an interview with Matthew, an Eagle Scout candidate, who would like to install one Mason Beehive on the Bell Street side of the park near the stand of trees just west of the power lines. Matthew explained that a Mason Beehive requires less maintenance and the hive will be there primarily to provide more pollinators in the area rather than to extract honey. Ted suggested and Matt agreed that there would need to be perimeter fencing and signage around the hive to protect both the hive and curious park visitors. Ted said he may be able to help Matt get split rail fencing materials. Matt would like to install the hive in late Spring, probably in April if he gets the go ahead from South Russell council and the Boy Scout committee. He estimates the cost to be \$1000 which he expects to be able to collect with some fund raising activity. Matt explained further that he would be responsible for maintaining the hive for the next four years. He said he would join the Geauga County Bee- Keeper's Assn. He would purchase a 5 lb. package of bees (of a less aggressive strain) which would include approximately 10,000 bees. The consensus of the committee was to favorably endorse Matt's proposal.

Matthew Marting's contact number is 440.789.6878.

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT LIBRARY:** Second on the agenda was the idea from another potential Eagle Scout candidate who would like to put a "free library" stand in the park. The consensus of the committee was that weather may be a problem and whether or not it would be an asset. The committee would like to hear the young man present his idea to the parks committee.

**ABTF PARKING:** Jerry reminded the committee that the annual Art By the Falls art show will take place June 7-9 and that artists are able to park their vehicles in the parking lots on both Bell Road and E. Washington St.

**PAVILION PERMIT:** Jerry handed out three documents: Reservations That Would Require a Contract vs. Permit, Agreement for use of Village Park, and the Current and Proposed Revised Permit Form. After reviewing the forms, the consensus of the committee to keep the permits simple and to encourage rather than discourage use of the park by keeping rental costs down and paperwork to a minimum.

**RECONFIGURATION OF E. WASHINGTON ST. 10 ACRES:** The committee re-visited the idea of changing the 10 acre multiple community use area to better accommodate soccer and lacrosse fields that are being requested by CAA (CSA?)

Respectfully submitted, Martha Bistriz