

SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES JANUARY 30, 2018

Members present: Martha Bistriz, Jerry Canton, Ted Kruse.

Guests: Anne and Ike (sp?) Tripp, Craig Cawrse, Chip Kostura, Mike Mulloy

PROPOSED PLAYGROUND DISCUSSION: The Tripps would like to add a playground to the Bell Road side of the park. They are contributing \$50k to the project. The location of the playground must be to the east of the pavilion per Pete MacDonald of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. It cannot encroach upon the conservation easement. It must be contained within the three acre area set aside for allowable public usage. Craig Cawrse provided a site plan of the Bell Road side of the park. The discussion included several ideas: there needs to be a safety zone around the playground equipment 80x85 feet. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) may be a source of grant money. There needs to be a 12 inch high edge around the playground area, which would require 9 inches of "mulch". The playground needs to include a ramp for handicap access. The estimated costs for the playground equipment, installation, edging and mulch is \$80 k.

It was agreed that the mulch will require some maintenance. One suggestion was to have some sort of fencing around the area, and, perhaps, a split rail fence to keep dogs out.

Chip Kostura and Mike Mulloy attended the meeting to express their concerns about the location of the playground. They live directly across the street from the park to the west of the pavilion. Chip recommended the new playground in Orange Village be looked at for a good example of a playground. Orange Village applied for and received a "Nature Works" grant from ODNR to help fund the playground.

Jerry will contact Bill Koons and Danielle and get information about how to obtain a Nature Works grant.

Mr. Tripp would like the okay of the four homeowners across the street from the park/pavilion/proposed playground site before the project goes forward. Both Chip and Mike were relieved that the playground would not be located to the west of the pavilion which would have been directly across from their homes.

Jerry will submit information about the playground project to the next South Russell newsletter. The Tripps will consult with a Pittsburgh playground equipment vendor.

The next council meeting is February 12. The next parks meeting was not set.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bistriz