

## **SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARK MINUTES JUNE 2, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman: Cindy Nairn, Martha Bistriz, Greg Pike. Absent: Bill Howell, Ted Kruse. Guest: Mayor Bill Koons

The meeting was called to order by Cindy at 6:35 p.m. There was a short discussion of the pavilion lights coming on too early at this time of year. The automatic light timer needs to be adjusted. Also, a huge quantity of carpenter bees drilling in the beams was observed. Between Bill K. and Cindy, the service department will be notified.

**FALL FESTIVAL:** Cindy reported that she has had discussions with former volunteers at the Fall Festival who made it clear that they would not be volunteering this year in light of the Corona virus pandemic and the dangers the food line, bounce houses, and several hundred people in close proximity pose.

In particular, it was noted that the Life Flight helicopter would most likely be a no show. Children would probably not be able to tour the helicopter due to the health crises and protocols in place. Greg reported that the pony rides would not be available due to the cost of a license for that vendor and how few events they have booked. Greg suggested the Rocket Car could be rented in place of the pony rides. Face painting would become "arm" painting if they participated. Bounce houses are available but the cancellation policy states that the deposit (half of the cost) is non refundable but could be applied the following year to the rental of equipment. When asked, Bill K. said the chances of having the Fall Festival was about 40-60.

Further, he stated that the Ohio State Fair has been canceled. If the Geauga County Fair is canceled, that would indicate to him that the South Russell Festival should also be canceled.

The budget for the festival is about \$7k. It is still unknown the monetary effect the pandemic will have on the village's finances.

If the Fall Festival is canceled, a notice will be put in the newsletter and on the website.

**PLAYGROUND:** Several trees have been planted at the playground. They have been "purchased" in honor or memory of people. About six more trees are available to be purchased and dedicated in honor or memory of a family member, organization, etc. Cindy will put an article in the newsletter to let South Russell residents know of this opportunity.

**MISC.:** The wind screens are being stored at the village service department and need to be installed. Greg suggested discussing with Pete MacDonald, the benefit/possibility of having a controlled burn in the park at some point. Cindy will call Pete to discuss.

The next parks committee meeting will take place Tuesday, July 21 at 6:30 at the pavilion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Bistriz