

## South Russell Village Park Minutes

June 21, 2017

Members Present: Martha Bistriz, Jerry Canton, Bill Howell, Ted Kruse. Absent: Greg Pike

The meeting opened with Jerry asking the committee to consider what Bill Koons suggested as an alternative to purchasing wind screens for the pavilion. Bill's idea is to plant a row of trees as a weather barrier instead of commercially made wind screens. Ted advised that as trees grow they need to be trimmed. He said he would get an estimate on the cost of purchasing and planting a number of trees for this purpose. The windscreen estimate we were considering was approximately \$1000. Ted suggested looking at purchasing an evergreen (arborvitae (sp?)) which does not grow wide but would look good as a natural column next to the pavilion.

Overall the committee was more in favor of purchasing windscreens to help with wind, sun and acoustics rather than planting trees.

Secondly, Jerry asked the committee to consider whether or not people who reserve the pavilion and are serving alcohol, should pay for an off duty police officer. It was suggested that depending on the number of people at the gathering it may or may not be necessary. Perhaps some guidelines added to the rental agreement that could address this. Along these lines it was agreed that non profits such as the Boy Scouts, Chamber of Commerce, etc. would not need to pay a fee to use the pavilion. They would need to schedule their event with South Russell Village Hall.

\*The committee okayed the use of the park for a cricket tournament.

\*The committee okayed the use of the pavilion as a rest stop during the Velsano bicycle event on July 22-23.

The committee was reminded that there will be a rock concert at the pavilion (Rock Radio Band) on June 27.

Pete MacDonald of Geauga Parks district should be scheduled to do the annual walk through the park this summer.

The committee will not meet in July. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 16 at 6:45 p.m. at the pavilion.