

SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JULY 21, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Bistriz, Ted Kruse, Cindy Nairn, Greg Pike.

ABSENT: Bill Howell

GUESTS: Charlie Cimperman, Bill Koons

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: At 6:34 PM, Cindy Nairn brought the meeting to order. After introducing Charlie Cimperman, a rising junior at CFHS and member of Boy Scout Troop 150, he presented his "Underground Railroad Eagle Project" proposal to the committee. The handouts provided to the committee included a brief overview of his personal background, a summary which detailed how the display would include the role of South Russell, Russell and Chagrin Falls in the Underground Railroad, information about the physical display itself and the approximate costs and timeline.

Charlie took questions and comments from the committee. Cindy highlighted the need for the display to be as weather resistant as possible. Greg suggested tying this display into the Interurban display which is located between the two sides of the park. Ted suggested perhaps installing the display with a vertical orientation.

The committee voted in favor of Charlie's proposal. At the August 2, 2020 (Zoom) council meeting, South Russell Council members could vote to approve this Eagle Scout project. Charlie needs to complete the project before he turns 18 which is Jun 29, 2021.

FALL FESTIVAL: The committee had a brief discussion with Bill Koons to formally conclude that the South Russell Fall Festival will be CANCELED this year due to the pandemic (Coronavirus) circumstances. In addition, there was a brief discussion about the fact that the pavilion has been open but the playground has not. The committee agreed that unfortunately, it was safest to keep the playground closed for now. The pavilion could be safely used by people who complied with social (physical) distancing and other CDC protocols.

MISC.:

- Bill Timmons will cut the field after August 1.
- The Bobolink population has migrated.
- Cindy will ask Pete McDonald about how a controlled burn might work in the park, over some years burning a section at a time.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bistriz