

## **SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

Members Present: Cindy Nairn, Martha Bistriz, Bill Howell, Greg Pike. Absent: Ted Kruse  
Guests: Tim Alder, Charlie Cimpermann, Bill Koons

**EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT:** Cindy called the meeting to order and invited Eagle Scout candidate, Charlie Cimperman, to present his proposal for his Eagle Scout project. He distributed a summary of the research he has done which he intends to use in an informational standing display case. The subject is how and where residents of South Russell and Chagrin Falls participated in the Underground Railroad. The parks committee was in favor of his project. He will make this presentation to the South Russell Council members on Monday, September 28. He would like to have the display case constructed and installed (perhaps near the playground area) by the end of October.

**PARK WALK WITH PETE MCDONALD REVIEW:** According to the easement requirements in the park, the parking lot, paths to the pavilion and the donated Tea House and additional park bench pads would need to be semi-permeable. A brick path would work or environmental pavers that allow grass to grow through would be permissible. Tim Alder confirmed that the street department will install the brick path from the Bell Street parking lot to the pavilion.

South Russell resident Greg Studen, founder of the Russell Land Conservancy, attended the park walk through with Pete. He had many ideas about how the park land might better preserve more habitat for more species by changing the mowing time frame, etc. Martha will ask Greg to write up a summary of his ideas for the parks committee to consider

**TEA HOUSE LOCATION:** It was agreed that the best place for the donated Tea House would be on the E. Washington Street side of the park, either near the parking lot or closer to the woods, west of the parking lot.

**ART/CRAFT SHOW:** Car Holtz would like to hold an art show/ craft fair at the pavilion on Saturday, October 17, or October 24 as a rain date. The committee agreed this was a good idea. Bill Koons pointed out that the pavilion cannot be reserved and that the parking lot at the village hall may be an alternate location. The last farmer's market is October 17. Bill Howell reminded the committee that the police would need to be made aware of this event.

**MISC.:** There was a discussion about expanding the parking lot and putting the swale in near the playground to help divert rainfall. The consensus was to put the swale in first and then expand the parking lot.

**2021 SRVP PARK BUDGET:** After some discussion about the cost of the Fall Festival which may increase next year and the idea of adding a family movie night next summer, it was agreed that the parks committee budget be increased to \$11,000 for 2021. It was clarified that concerts in the park are paid for the Chagrin Falls Chamber of Commerce. There is no cost to South Russell village.

Respectfully submitted, Martha bistriz