

## **SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARK MINUTES**

**MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** MARTHA BISTRITZ, JERRY CANTON, TED KRUSE, LIBBY SHARKEY

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** BILL HOWELL, GREG STUDEN

**GUESTS:** TIM ALDER, RUTH CAVANAGH, BILL KOONS

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

**FALL FESTIVAL:** Council member in charge of the committee, Jerry Canton, reviewed that a firm date and rain date will be decided on once the Cleveland Browns schedule is available. The pavilion has been reserved by the parks committee for all Sundays in September and the first two Sundays in October. Once the fall festival dates are secured, the remaining Sundays will be available to be reserved for other groups who would like to use the pavilion.

It was reiterated that committee members who contact vendors for the festival this year, try to work out details for refunding funds if weather causes the cancellation of the event.

Lolly the Trolley is out of business. A # 1 Limo (440.943.5466) is a possible alternative to provide transportation between Gurney school and the park during the festival. Libby Sharkey will contact the owner (who lives in South Russell) of Precious Cargo to see if they would be available and interested in providing transportation the day of the festival.

There was a brief discussion about streamlining the park donation process.

**KRUSE SENIOR PROJECT:** Jerry reported that at the last council meeting his motion to allow Kayley Kruse to proceed with her reforestation project was tabled until the next council meeting. She would plant primarily oak saplings divided in three areas, including the reforestation area which connects the Bell Street and E. Washington Street sides of the park.

**BLUE BIRD HOUSES:** Heather (?) an Americorps volunteer will be monitoring the activity in the blue bird houses for the next several months. There are 12 blue bird houses.

**PARK BENCHES:** Tim Alder reported that there are 11 benches in the park. About 4 or 5 of them need to be replaced. The newest benches located around the playground are made of wood with steel hardware set in a cement pad. His recommendation was to replace older benches in the park, as needed, with this model. Three of these benches have been ordered. Sally Butz-Voss has purchased one to donate. Two are available for purchase/donation to the park.

**BUTTERFLY GARDEN:** Two benches and two plaques will be installed around the new butterfly garden. Further plans include that a brick or permeable brick path be installed from the pavilion to the butterfly garden. The idea of installing brick or permeable brick paths between the planted areas of the butterfly garden was discussed. If it is bricked in it would prevent insects, etc. from living there. If it remains grass the village will need to weed whack it. Permeable brick would be a compromise.

**TWO PICNIC TABLES:** A Waste Management grant of \$2500 was awarded to the village and two plastic picnic tables were purchased. One may be placed in the tea house. The other may be placed outside the playground area.

**RAIN GARDEN:** Chagrin River Watershed Partners would like to install a rain garden at the park. The location would most likely be adjacent to where the bathroom facilities are planned to be installed, east of the pavilion near the edge of the cut field. Hopefully, this could be installed in the fall of 2022.

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK:** Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce will host two concerts at the pavilion this summer on July 12 and August 9 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free popsicles may be available. Also a movie appropriate for children may be held at the pavilion this summer. One was held last year. A date has not been set.

**GEAUGA PARKS FOUNDATION HIKE:** is planned for Saturday, August 6 at 10:30 a.m.

**PLANNED GEAUGA PARK LAND BURN:** Paul Pira, an expert on planned burning, will let Bill Koons know when the next burn of park land in the area is going to take place. He can only give a two day notice. Weather is a factor.

**GIRL SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT?** Bill reported that girl scout troops in the area are looking for a service project. Bill suggested redoing the perimeter of the trails that run through the woods in the park, such as North Woods Trail.

**100th ANNIVERSARY 2023:** The sense of the committee at this time was not to have celebratory events throughout the year. No action or further discussion took place.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bistriz