

SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 20, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Bistriz, Jerry Canton, Bill Howell, Ted Kruse, Libby Sharkey.

Absent: Greg Studen

GUESTS: Tim Alder, Ruth Cavanagh, Bill Koons

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

FALL FESTIVAL:

- Libby Sharkey reported that Precious Cargo will be providing transportation from Gurney Elementary School to the park the day of the Fall Festival (September 25, 2022, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.) Bubble Wanda will provide entertainment. The pony ride vendor that has participated in the past is no longer available. Libby will investigate securing a Petting Zoo vendor instead. The face painters will participate again. There will be three face painters working for three hours. We will provide a tent space for them set up.
- Martha Bistriz is in contact with Game Kraze, who will provide bounce houses and a rock-climbing wall. She will also contact the Haney Band to see if they will be available to play during the festival this year. In addition, when school starts in the fall, she will ask for students who would like community service hours to volunteer that day.
- Bill K. will confirm the fire department's participation and let the police chief know about the festival and how that may impact traffic on Bell Road that afternoon.

There was some discussion about providing water for the vendors. Tim Alder said the village could provide water for the petting zoo and other vendors if necessary.

TREE AND BENCH DONATION POLICY: Danielle R. would like the committee to standardize procedures for people wanting to donate a tree or bench. Currently there are four tree varieties available to choose from. Jerry outlined the steps that are taken when someone contacts the village and asks to make a tree/bench donation. First, the person would be asked to choose which kind of tree. They would be made aware of the cost of the tree and plaque. Tim Alder would be dispatched to purchase the tree. The tree would be planted in one of the designated areas. Around the playground there is room for 14 trees. Eight have been planted allowing for six more.

Regarding benches, there are 11 (?) benches installed in the park, not including the benches around the playground. It was agreed that the two benches at the top of the hill on the Bell Road side of the park be replaced. All new benches will be like the playground benches. The material under the benches will be semi permeable brick so that grass can grow through.

There was some discussion about what to do with plaques on benches that need to be replaced. One idea was to contact the donator and ask if they would want to purchase another bench and put their plaque on it or remove the plaque from the old bench and display it on the beams in the pavilion. Jerry will put together a draft of procedures for donating park trees and benches. He will email the committee this week. He asked that each committee member review his draft and respond to him individually.

CT CONSULTANT STRATEGIC PARK PLANS : Jerry distributed a set of plans to each committee member. There are no plans to expand the parking lot. The Chagrin River Watershed Partners should go ahead and install the rain garden. A restroom vendor should be contacted and begin the process of preparing the area and installing a restroom facility this year. There is 68K in the budget for this project.

MISC.: There will be three concerts in the park this summer: July 12, 26 and August 8.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bistriz