

SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARKS COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 24, 2021 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Martha Bistriz, Dennis Galicki, Ted Kruse, Greg Pike, Greg Studen
Guests: Brian Doering, Cindy Nairn, Libby Sharkey

FALL FESTIVAL: The committee discussed and decided on a date for the South Russell Fall Festival. A proposed date of October 10, 2021 had been agreed upon at the last meeting but Dennis discovered that the pavilion had already been booked for a CFHS class reunion. After considering the Cleveland Browns football schedule and weather possibilities, it was decided that the date for the 2021 Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 17 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

FALL FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT : Greg Pike reported that the:
Rocket Car costs \$250/hour
Face Painters and Bubble Wanda would cost \$1800 for four hours
Pony Rides cost \$800 for 2 hours and \$250 each hour after that

The committee seemed to be in agreement with the addition of the Rocket Car bringing a new facet to the entertainment options. Martha questioned the addition of the Rocket Car suggesting that it is not germane to the festival. Greg will contact the vendor Friday.

Greg Studen spoke with Denise Wolf from the WRLC. The land conservancy will have a naturalist at a booth during the festival. The representative will have materials regarding maintaining grassland as habitat for the Bobolink, etc. They will supply their own tent.

Martha reported that Game Craze is still in business. She emailed to the committee a copy of the estimate for two bounce houses and a rock climbing wall. The estimate is \$2275. There was some discussion about adding a third bounce house this year in which case the estimated cost for all the equipment would be about \$3000.

Ted reported that he and Chagrin Pet and Garden are all in for the festival. He will most likely provide a how- to- make apple cider exhibition and cider.

Dennis reported that the music group that he had in mind to play at the fall festival was not available. He will pursue finding another small band.

Transportation: Lolly the Trolley is apparently unavailable or no longer operating. School bus transportation from Gurney school to the South Russell Village Park parking lot is not an option. Precious Cargo may be an answer.

The Chagrin Falls Fire Department will have SWAT team vehicles at the festival. Life Flight will land a helicopter around 3:00 p.m. that day.

Cindy suggested that the festival perhaps include a Drone demonstration.

The Food Service aspect will be the same as in the past. Hot dogs, chips, bottled water, cookies will be served. Danielle Romanowski has ordered the food supplies in the past.

Dennis assigned Bill Koons the task of communicating with the Kettle Corn and Ice Cream Truck vendors to check on their availability.

The question was raised of whether or not additional insurance may be needed for the events taking place during the festival.

Dennis will check with the Council on the budgeted amount for the festival.

OLD BUSINESS: Dennis will review the recycled materials park bench catalogue that Ted provided the committee. The committee will revisit the idea of purchasing park benches that will be uniform at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Greg Studen asked about the mowing of the field. Bill Timmons cuts the field any time after August 1. South Russell pays him approximately \$2000-\$2500. Greg questioned the reason for this, suggesting that Timmons perhaps cut the field but leave the grass so that the field would retain the nutrients that are currently being taken off. Or cut the field later so that Monarch butterflies and other insects are allowed to continue to inhabit the field. After some discussion Greg S. proposed that a field management plan be explored. Dennis asked Greg to find agencies to assist/guide in field management. Martha has a copy of the conservation agreement which she will make available to Danielle. She'll ask Danielle to make copies for the parks committee members who do not have one.

The next parks committee meeting will be Thursday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bistriz