

SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARK MEETING AUGUST 12, 2021 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Bistriz, Dennis Galiki, Ted Kruse, Greg Pike, Greg Studen

GUESTS: Bill Koons, Cindy Nairn

1. **FALL FESTIVAL:** Dennis opened the meeting with a discussion of the fall festival budget.

The fall festival budget is	\$9000.
Food and Beverage	\$1200
Transportation(A1 Limo)	\$800
Pony rides	\$1300
Bounce Houses and Wall	\$2300
Face Painting	\$1800
Rocket Car	\$1100
Music (Haney Band)	\$ 750
Total	\$9250

Dennis asked that the committee members confirm the participation of the vendors as soon as possible.

Cindy had a question about whether or not there was any NOPEC money included in the budget and whether or not extra hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes will be available and possibly add to the cost this year. There was a discussion about the mobile hand sanitizer that is present at the farmer's market and if that might be used at the festival.

Greg confirmed that the land conservancy will have a tent with displays and staffed with members of the conservancy.

Dennis will talk with Precious Cargo transportation to see if their cost may be less than A1 Limo. A1 Limo has a trolley feel to their vehicles. Precious Cargo uses small buses.

Martha reported that the Haney Band could play that day. The cost is \$250 per hour. It was agreed that she would confirm with them a three hour slot.

2. **MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY GARDEN:** Cindy reported that there will be 15 different species of plants included in the garden proposed by Judy Harvey. A stake has been placed in the field near the pavilion where the center of the garden will be. Jeff Griff of Lowe's Greenhouse will be overseeing the installation. No benches will be placed within the garden. They may be placed on the perimeter. In the center of the garden there will be an obelisk with a honeysuckle vine to grow on it. At the entrance, Judy would like to have a post installed similar to the one at the entrance to the butterfly garden at Holden Arboretum. This post will have information re the butterfly varieties. Dennis and Bill Koons confirmed that the garden area has been approved by the land conservancy because it will be placed outside the allowable 3 acre multi-use space.

3. **MISC.** Bill Koons informed the committee that the bat houses have been installed. Matt Valencic provided a Bobolink bird count which Bill will provide to the committee.

Regarding a field burn, he proposed that there be a PR effort one year prior to inform the community about it and the benefits, etc. Matt Valencic told Bill a burn would benefit the Bobolink population. Bill Timmons took the hay off the fields last week. He will be raising his price 10 % to do that next year. In 2022 it will cost the village \$3600. Two picnic tables made of recycled materials and designed to be wheelchair accessible were donated. The idea of placing them in the middle of the playground was rejected by the committee. Ted explained that the playground was designed specifically with space between each apparatus to keep playground users safe. The recommendation was to place them just outside the playground area.

NEW BUSINESS: Greg Studen reiterated the need for a land management plan. He suggested we embark on a study, consulting with knowledgeable people on how to improve the land use. Dennis suggested that Greg identify the cost of a management plan.

Cindy expressed the need for the committee to actively explore the installation of bathroom facilities. The idea of having running water was discussed. Ted explained it would be very expensive. Bill explained that the sewer line is very nearby and the bathroom could tie into that. Bill has information from a few years ago when the idea of installing bathrooms at the park was discussed.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bistriz