

SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARK MINUTES SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Bistriz, Dennis Galicki, Ted Kruse, Greg Pike, Greg Studen.
Guest: Bill Koons

I. FALL FESTIVAL: Bill Koons explained that the idea that farmer’s market vendors be able to attend the festival as advertising for their product but not selling their product had been introduced at a recent council meeting. This idea was raised because at the fall festivals in the past few years, an ice cream vendor and kettle corn vendor have participated and sold their products. After some discussion, Greg Studen proposed that for 2022, vendors could apply to sell their products subject to guidelines and limits set by council so that there would be an opportunity for any vendor interested to apply and if accepted, participate. There was not a clear answer as to how the ice cream vendor and kettle corn vendors had gotten the okay to participate in the past. It is assumed they will be part of this year’s event.

II. FALL FESTIVAL BUDGET:

LIMO	\$ 621
PONIES	\$1300
BOUNCE HOUSES	\$2294
BAND	\$ 750
FACE PAINTING/ BUBBLE WANDA	\$1800
TOTAL	<u>\$6765</u>
FOOD	\$1300
TABLES/CHAIRS	\$ 500
TOTAL	<u>\$8565</u>

BUDGET AMOUNT ALLOWED: \$9000

Village workers are paid double time for their help the day of the festival at a rate of approximately \$80 an hour.

Greg S. informed the committee that the Geauga Parks district will not be able to participate this year due to lack of staffing.

The Life Flight helicopter is scheduled to land about 3 p.m. The Chagrin Falls fire department will bring their “smoke hoSRVPuse” apparatus.

Bill K. reminded the committee that a soccer tournament will be taking place on the Gurney campus the day of the festival which may impact parking needs of fall festival participants.

Dennis will secure four tents used by the farmer’s market vendors, for the face painters and band.

Saturday, September 18 at 10:00 A.M., the butterfly garden will be dedicated. The banner is being modified to reflect the date of this year's festival.

It was agreed that even though Covid precautions are in place, the food service at the festival will not include individual condiment packets due to the concern that it would cause extra litter and the extra expense involved.

It was agreed that another parks committee meeting need not take place before the festival.

III. PARK FIVE YEAR PLAN: Dennis revisited the idea of establishing a park master plan for land usage and management so that projects are not taken on randomly.

Greg S. proposed the committee draft a mission statement including all possible best uses for the park land. Martha will forward to the rest of the committee, Pete McDonald's "annual state-of-the-park" walk through email summary which includes names of qualified individuals who may be able to assist in thinking through best uses for the park land and how to proceed including setting goals and a timeline.

IV. BRICK WALKWAY FUNDRAISER: The idea of establishing a fundraiser selling bricks inscribed "in honor of" or "in memory of" individuals, on the pathway from the parking lot to the pavilion was suggested. One idea was to contribute the proceeds from this to installing proper restrooms at the park.

V. PARK BENCHES: Dennis asked Ted to bring to the next meeting, a recommendation of bench models composed of recyclable materials that the park may commit to going forward so that there may be some uniformity in design throughout the park.

The next parks meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bistriz