

SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARK COMMITTEE MINUTES OCT. 27, 2022 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Bistriz, Jerry Canton, Libby Sharkey, Greg Studen

GUESTS: Ruth Cavanagh, Bill Koons, Tim Adler

Jerry Canton brought the meeting to order and explained the four items to be discussed:

1. Fall Festival Recap
2. Village Yard Sale
3. Park Usage
4. Greg Pike Donations

FALL FESTIVAL: The committee agreed that it was good that a rain date had been set for October 2. Even though there was considerable wind that day, the festival was a success. The rock climbing wall was not able to be set up and only one of two bounce houses was able to operate due to the strong wind. The face painters were hugely popular, the magician, petting zoo and helicopter all were well received.

Precious Cargo provided transportation from Gurney school to the park. There was some confusion as to where to park. It was suggested that next year two or three sandwich boards be placed at the park directing people to park at Gurney and get a ride down on transportation provided (either Lolly the Trolley, A1A,(?) or Precious Cargo depending on what vendor we use next year.

The popcorn vendor did not show up. The waiver forms that ALL volunteers were to sign and submit were NOT popular. The sense of it was that requiring the form was legal overkill. Greg Studen expressed why should a volunteer give up all of their legal rights in exchange for giving up several hours of their time to benefit the South Russell community?

The Haney Band was a good addition. The apple cider press and production by the Ted Kruse family was a real hit. The ice cream vendor did well.

It was suggested that maybe next year apples and pumpkins could be sold at the festival and that some of the farmers market vendors be asked if they would like to participate.

The food service was efficient and well done.

PARK USAGE: The Cats Den Garden Club planted 1000 daffodil bulbs to the west of the pavilion.

Regarding the bathroom project, CXT, the company that makes the restroom will install an all concrete restroom building. The cost is \$63,000 if purchased before January 1, 2023. After that time the price goes up 10%. The building will have a green roof and faux stone to match the fireplace in the pavilion. Bill Koons said that to move forward two other bids need to be obtained and considered.

On November 6, a Chagrin Falls girls soccer team would like to use the pavilion after their last soccer game. They want to roast marshmallows, etc. The parks committee considered the fact that technically, the park closes at dark and this event would take place after dark. Libby offered that as long as the group is renting and reserving the pavilion according to the village policy, that would be fine. The committee was in agreement to let the soccer team use the pavilion.

PIKE FAMILY DONATION: Jerry asked Libby how the Pike family would like to use the approximately \$800 donated in memory of Greg Pike. Several ideas were discussed including contributing to a path leading from the parking lot to the pavilion, planting a tree and a plaque which costs about \$600 or purchasing a bench and plaque which runs about \$1000. Libby said she would consider these ideas and get back to Jerry.

VILLAGE YARD SALE: Bill suggested that South Russell organize a village wide yard sale similar to the one that Chagrin organizes each year. All the village needs to do is pick a date and communicate that to the residents. Whoever wants to sell items at their home may do so on that day. Bill suggested having it the Saturday before the village wide trash day; the third Saturday in April. An email blast and notice in the newsletter would be used to get the word out.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

A post meeting discussion about the Charlie Cimperman sign which is being repaired and an informal mention of some ideas for the South Russell centennial year (2023) celebration including an ice cream social, wine tasting, movie night came up.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Bistriz