

**SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MAY 16, 2023 7:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Martha Bistriz, Jerry Canton, Greg Gamm, Ted Kruse, Libby Sharkey, Greg Studen
Guests: Bill Koons, Tim Alder

FALL FESTIVAL: The committee agreed that Sunday, September 17, 2023 will be the date for the Fall Festival with a rain date on Sunday, October 8, 2023. The following committee members will contact the vendors who participated last year and see if they would be available to provide their services on both dates in case of a rain out on the first date. Secondly, the members should find out what sort of refund or credit may be available if the weather prohibits the festival from going forward.

Bounce Houses and Rock Wall-Martha Bistriz
The Haney Band - Martha Bistriz

Hay Ride driver- Gregg Gamm

Life Flight - Bill Koons
Ice Cream and Kettle Corn - Bill Koons

Apple cider, hay wagons, tents, generators - Ted Kruse

Precious Cargo - Libby Sharkey
Face Painters - Libby Sharkey
Magician - Libby Sharkey

Geauga Park District - Greg Studen

100 year old activities - Ruth Cavanagh
-wood carver
- black smith

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT- The Eagle scout installed trail sign posts around the park.

RESTROOM: The restroom project has been postponed until 2024. South Russell is applying for a \$16K grant from the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, which must be submitted by June 1. If funds are awarded to South Russell they will be available in December. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$80 K.

APPRECIATION LUNCH: A lunch in appreciation for all people who have contributed in any way to the village, will be held June 16 at 11:30 at Augie's. Susan Brownstein will be the speaker that day and the Chagrin River Watershed Partners will make a presentation.

MISC.: The South Russell street crew made and installed 12 blue bird houses in the park. They are working well, housing several families of blue birds.

In 2022 the pavilion had 84 reservations.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha B. Bistriz