

## **SOUTH RUSSELL VILLAGE PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES JULY 17, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Martha Bistriz, Ruth Cavanagh, Greg Gamm, Ted Kruse, Libby Sharkey, Greg Studen **GUESTS:** Tim Alder, Jerry Canton, Bill Howell, Bill Koons

Ruth called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Former parks committee member, Bill Howell, expressed his great appreciation for the parks committee and its members.

Ruth read through the minutes from the May meeting.

**EAGLE SCOUT SIGN PROJECT:** Bill Koons reported that Nathan Hill finished his Eagle Scout project the day before he turned 18. Sixteen trail name signs were installed. Four or five of them need to be relocated to the correct spot.

**RESTROOM :** South Russell applied for 16k of grant money.. The village should find out in September if it will receive the money.

The volunteer appreciation lunch was a success according to Bill Koons.

### **FALL FESTIVAL:**

The Haney Band is available to play. The cost is \$800. They played at last year's festival and were favorably received. It was requested that they expand their repertoire this year. There was some discussion about the cost. Regarding the bounce house/rock climbing wall situation, last year's vendor, Game Craze, is trying to recoup \$994.60 for a "reschedule fee, distance charge, inspection fees and labor surcharge" in addition to what they were paid for the original fall festival date. The village paid Game Craze \$2521.44 on August 30, 2022 for the September fall festival date. When that was rained out they did come to the October date and apparently this is where the \$994.60 charge was incurred. South Russell has not paid the second fee. Danielle Romanowski, Ruth, Jerry and Bill K are aware of the situation. Martha will look into finding another vendor for the equipment.

Ted Kruse said there will be three hay wagons. He also said he is all set with providing what he has in the past in addition to hay wagons; cider press, generators, tents, etc.

The committee agreed that in addition to the kettle corn and ice cream vendors, Bill K. should ask some Saturday farmer's market vendors if they would like to sell apples, pumpkins, corn stalks, etc. at the festival.

Libby reported that A1 Limo will provide a trolley on September 17. If there is a rain date, they will provide transportation from Gurney to the park but it may not be a trolley. The face painters, petting zoo and magician will be there. Bill K is looking into a pony ride vendor.

Greg Studen reported that Linda Gilbert from Geauga Parks, will have a display and be available to speak with people about birds, the park system and other topics about nature.

Ruth will look into having a wood carver and black smith at the festival. She will also display the century home photos and photos of the mayors of South Russell both of which have been prepared for the 100th celebration,

**BENCHES:** Tim Alder reported that new benches will be installed this week.

The next parks committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 12 at 7 p.m at the pavilion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha B. Bistriz