

Property Committee minutes 9/7/2023

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Regularly scheduled Property Committee meeting called to order 9/7/2023 @ 10:15am.

Present were Mayor Koons, Chief Rizzo, Solicitor Matheney, Streets Supt Alder, Councilmen Canton & Cavanagh, Fiscal Officer Romanowski.

Cemeteries: Solicitor began with discussion of updating cemetery working framework to include Rules & Regulations that encompass both Rarick and Rt. 306 Cemetery. Discussion included Solicitor's work in defining terms inclusive to both of these S. Russell cemeteries. There will no longer be a Cemetery Board, changes will permit Supt. Alder to maintain respectfully, gravestones of the Pioneers with no known descendants, and will include Village decisions about upkeep. Fiscal Officer asked about requiring vaults for cremains, as opposed to closed glass jars, designating who performs burials and updates (bench) at the scattering section. To be moved forward at upcoming Council meeting.

Holtz/Fairweather former property: Supt. Alder stated razing of 1208 Bell Rd. property couldn't have gone better, no problems. Two trees are left, property was cleaned up same day. Sparse comment was volunteered from residents. An anonymous caller asked about a right turn lane, 306N to Bell E., no plans now, Engineer should Inquire of ODOT. Tent campers were noted on former 1208 Bell property. They did not ask permission, they were asked to vacate and did so. No camping at S. Russell Park.

Alder discussed flag costs for S. end of Park, covered by Masons. Also discussed Streets coverage of garbage pickup twice, at Park during Labor day weekend

CF Cross Country Middle School @ Park: All went smoothly at Park but Illuminating Co unable to access their driveway, necessary due to power outages from recent storm. To be addressed before next CC Meet.

Park bathroom grant application outcome still unknown, Mayor to check status.

Fall Festival : Signs notifying residents go up this week, banners no longer permitted. Fiscal Officer still needs invoices from Haney Band, Chainsaw Shari. Additionally needs certificate of insurance from Shari. Solicitor stated need for Hold Harmless signed sheets from all Festival workers/Volunteers. Follow up needs done regarding parking at Gurney for shuttle, call to Chris Woofter at school.

New Business: Cavanagh discussed 100th luncheon. 32 attending with 18 not yet RSVP'd. Mayor discussed lots at 139 Fairview Rd. Discussion about necessity for gutters at pavilion. Two Eagle Scout projects may include an Interurban Display, and more detailed map of trails at the Park. Mayor mentioned celebrating upcoming April 8, 2024 solar eclipse?? Mayor suggested we find a way for S. Russell inclusion in WAA or Wreaths Across America this Christmas, honoring late U.S. Veterans. To be added into upcoming newsletter info.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20am.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Cavanagh, Chair