

## **Building Committee – March 14, 2024**

*Attendees: Chris Bell, Jerry Canton, Bill Koons, Ruth Griswald, Dave Hocevar*

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

The committee discussed the park reservation form revisions again. The committee noted that previously mentioned changes still need to be included. These changes are a non-resident reservation fee of \$100 and requiring a police officer on site for parties of 50 or more with alcohol. After discussion, the committee agreed that proof of residency from the applicant will be necessary when submitting a reservation request. Additionally, the committee understands that some people are already inquiring about reservations a few months from now and its possible that the form requirements will change after they have already submitted the current application. The committee feels that we should grandfather those applications already in progress prior to a new form being instituted. This will help reduce confusion within the building department office and with residents who are already working with the building secretary.

BK asked if the committee should consider renting the entire park for some reservations. One example is the Chagrin Falls Middle School Cross Country meets. The concern is park visitors not knowing about the event and potentially creating a safety issue with runners. The committee felt that adding signage at both park entrances a few days prior to the cross country meets, coupled with some yellow tape in appropriate areas on meet day, would be sufficient. The Properties and Parks committees will discuss this matter.

The committee discussed septic inspection letters Geauga Public Health sent to residents with NPDES systems. GPH provided a notice, per the Ohio EPA, that these systems need to be inspected twice per year and the resident will be charged \$155. The committee needs clarification if this is the price per inspection or per year. NPDES are a newer style septic system. It was not lost on the committee that older systems are not required to receive inspection by the County. South Russell does not require inspections, but rather all systems be cleaned every three years. The committee will work to get a better understanding of how many residents this includes.

The committee briefly discussed the absence of the Building Secretary and Administrative Assistant during the same week in July. The committee suggested the department put a sign on the door directing visitors to the Fiscal Officer's office – who has offered to fill in during that week.

DH reported that the court date for 1233 Bell Rd. has been postponed until April 25.

DH reported that he has been in contact with the Solicitor regarding rezoning the empty bank property near the corner of Bell and Chillicothe.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.