

Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

17 November 2025

Attending

Chris Berger

Ruth Cavanagh

Ted Kruse

Libby Sharky

Greg Gamm

Greg Studen

Sarah Kaseler

Muffi Sherwin

Allyson Dean

Mary Rensel

Called to order at 6:30PM at the Village Hall

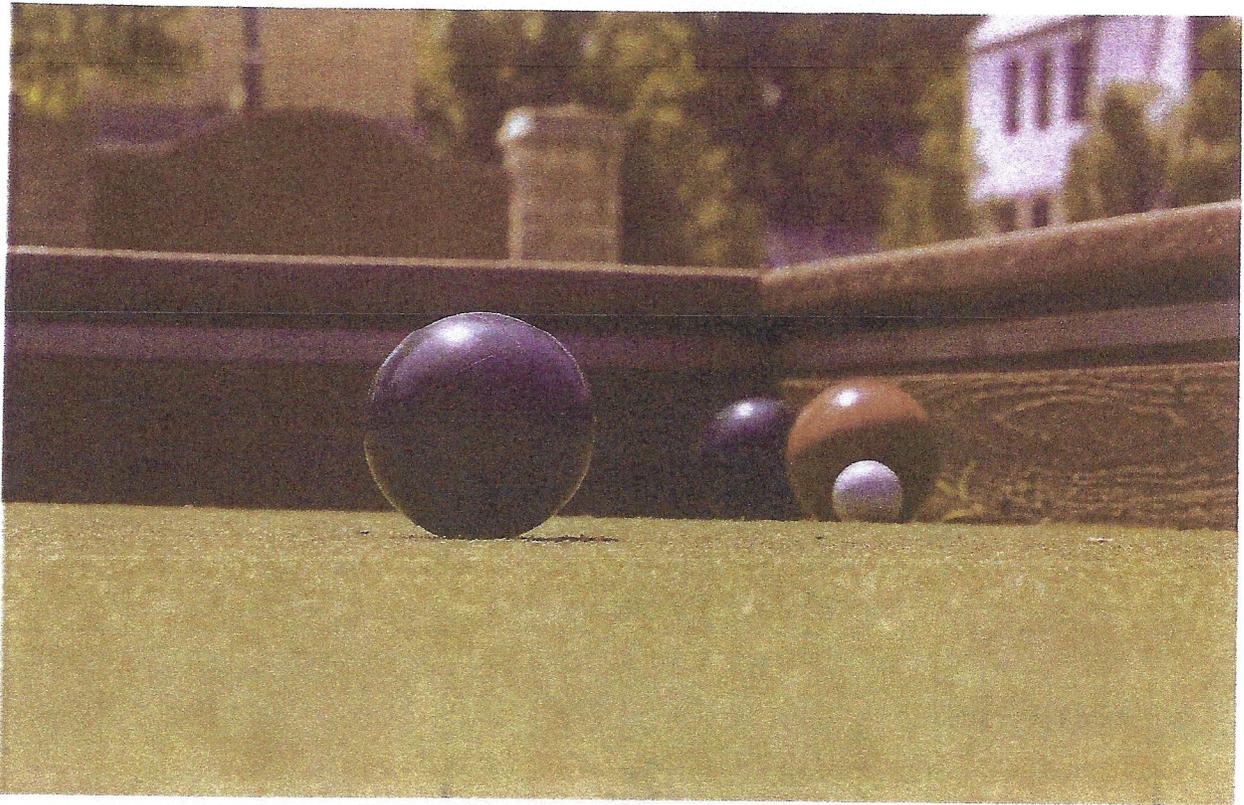
1. Bocce Ball Court Proposal – Kaseler, Sherwin, and Dean presented proposal for court including location at the Park. Presentation is attached. The exact size is not finalized. A single court is approximately 13' X 60-90'. Applicants are looking to the Village for funding - \$15-20K for installation and approximately \$1.5k annual for upkeep. After discussion, the committee agreed to recommend to Council. CB agreed to ask at Council and through the Village newsletter for donations/funding from the public.
2. Fall Festival Review– discussed that a more perfect weather day could not be had. Suggestions for 2026 include
 - i. Hay rides – add a second tractor for better flow of ride. Eliminate the program speech. Perhaps replace with a card highlighting features of the Park.
 - ii. Music was appreciated and not overwhelming
 - iii. Face Painting – great as always
 - iv. Petting zoo – glad no protestors
 - v. Apples and Cider Press – Ted did an amazing job
 - vi. Restrooms – no known issues
 - vii. Food Trucks – pizza was popular. Not so much the others. Suggestion that the Village pay for pizzas for next year and bring back hot dogs or other sandwich items. Coffee and Ice Cream trucks were a success.
3. Trail Proposal – no update from the Engineer
4. Proposals for 250th Celebration

- a. January 1, 2026 S'mores and cider celebration. CB again mentioned the added cost of Village personnel on a Holiday. Some thought attendance would be minimal.
 - b. Summer event 2026 – suggest NOT to combine with Fall Festival. Should be a separate event with an independent theme. Suggest July 4th weekend with music/readings or perhaps even, fireworks or a drone show.
5. Burn Proposal – on hold until the Spring. Mayor to update
 6. Scout projects
 - a. CB noted the Chagrin bridge project and asked if anyone knew what Chagrin's process was? Committee will investigate. Committee wants a defined process for all proposals.
 - b. No discussion for a plaque to be placed at Village Hall
 7. Park Master Plan implementation
 - a. Gravel trail between north and south parks. CB reported that the Street Commissioner did not feel additional gravel was needed at this time.
 8. Annual Budget for the Park. CB reported that the budget had been increased by \$12,000 per year for maintenance issues.

Next meeting not yet scheduled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24PM.

Submitted by Chris Berger



Bocce Court Request for South Russell Park

Original request date: 04.14.2025

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Overview

This is a request to have an outdoor bocce ball court installed at the South Russell Park. This outdoor space will provide an activity that brings the community together. It is something that all age levels can play and a perfect family friendly game. This ties in nicely with recent park enhancements, such as new bathrooms and a cross-walk.

Goals/Objectives

1. Provide an outdoor space for our community to gather and play bocce.
2. Provide a bocce court for community bocce leagues.

Specifications

Standard Court Size: 13 x 91 ft

Smaller/Recreational Court Size: 13 x 60 ft (which is the size of the Bentleyville court)

Height: Must be 8 inches tall, but to protect it from the weather about a 2 foot perimeter is recommended.

Cost Estimation

For a 13x60-ft bocce court in a city park (a total of 780 square feet), the total professional installation cost can range from approximately **\$19,500 to \$30,000**, depending heavily on the base, surface material, and site preparation required for public use. The average cost per square foot for a professionally built commercial-grade court is around \$25 to \$40.

Material and Cost Breakdown

The court construction involves several layers and material options, each impacting the overall cost and maintenance requirements:

Base Foundation

A solid and stable base is critical, especially for a public park setting where durability is a priority.

- **Concrete Foundation:** The most common and durable choice, a concrete base costs approximately **\$8–\$12 per square foot**, for a total of **\$6,240–\$9,360** for the 780 sq. ft. court. This option offers high stability and low maintenance.
- **Pervious Concrete:** An eco-friendly option that allows water drainage, this base costs more, at about **\$20–\$30 per square foot** (\$15,600–\$23,400 total).
- **Compacted Base (Natural Materials):** A more affordable base of compacted crushed stone or gravel can range from **\$6–\$15 per square foot** (\$4,680–\$11,700 total), but may require more long-term maintenance.

Playing Surface

The top surface determines the playability and final appearance.

- **Crushed Organic Materials (Oyster Shells, Decomposed Granite):** The traditional, authentic choice for bocce courts, these materials cost between **\$9–\$21 per square foot** for the material alone. They provide excellent playability but require regular maintenance (raking, watering).
- **Synthetic Turf/Panel Systems:** A popular and low-maintenance option that is durable for public use. High-quality synthetic systems cost around **\$24.50 to \$29.50 per square foot** installed. These systems offer great playability with minimal upkeep.

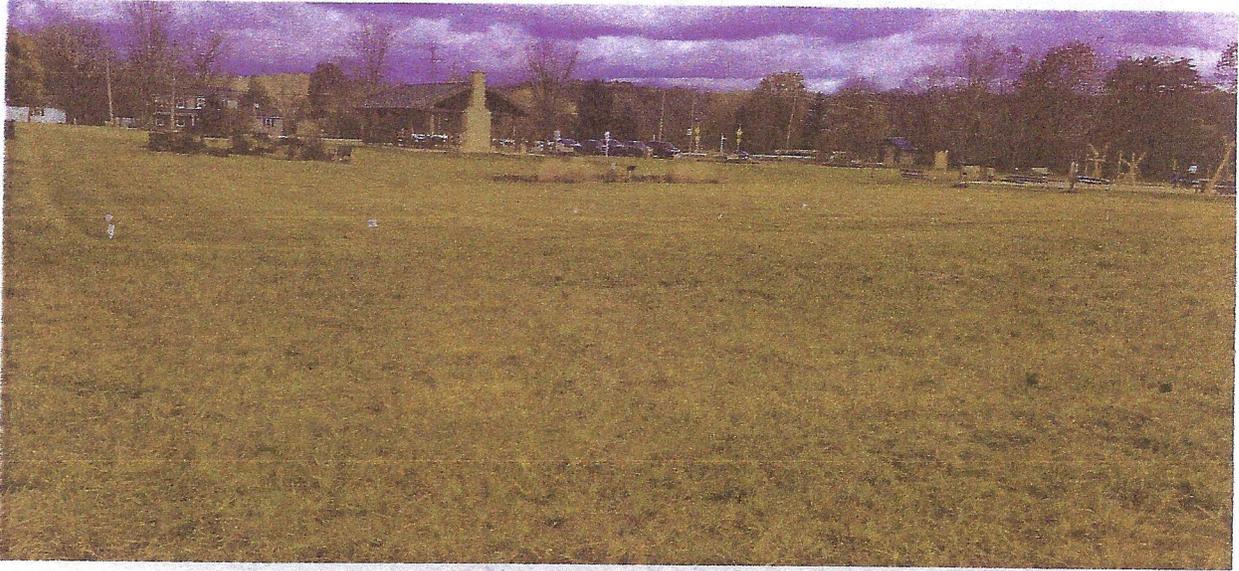
Borders and Additional Features

- **Borders:** The court will require a border, typically 6x6-inch pressure-treated lumber or a low concrete wall. Concrete is often used with a concrete base for seamless integration.
- **Site Preparation:** Significant costs can be incurred in leveling the ground and ensuring proper drainage, potentially adding 10-30% to the project cost depending on the existing landscape.
- **Accessories:** Benches, lighting for evening play, and custom scoreboards can add to the total expense.

For a city park, the primary goal is durability and low maintenance, making a **concrete foundation with a synthetic turf or high-quality organic blend surface** the most recommended and cost-effective approach in the long run.

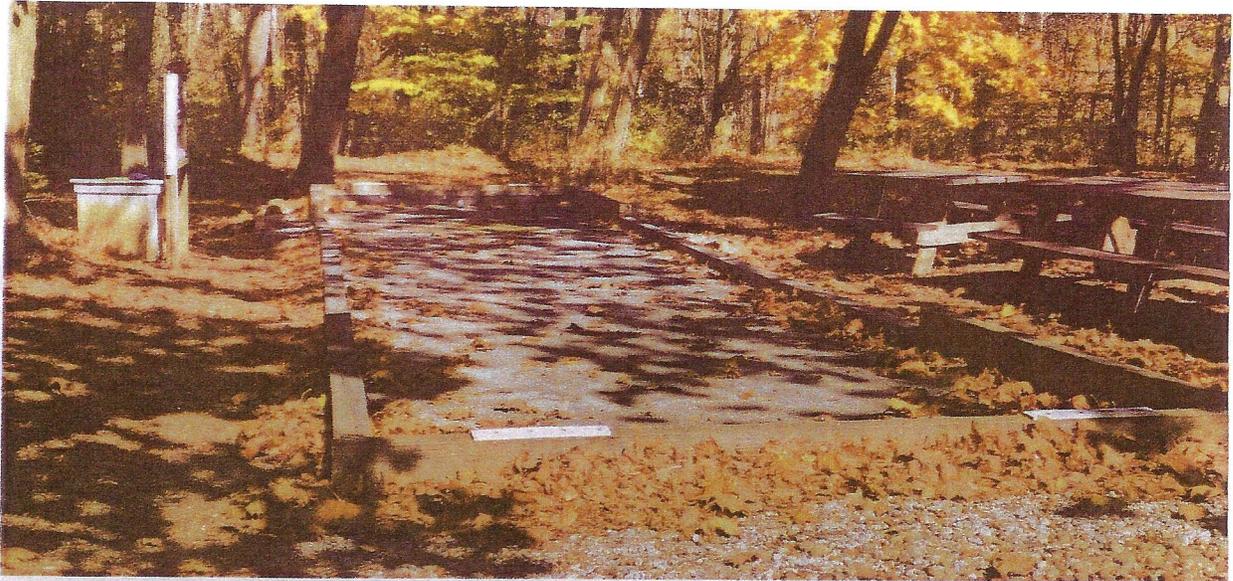
Location

Southwest of the pavilion, close by where people can use the pavilion and the court. Spaced out enough so the pavilion and bocce court could be used by separate parties at the same time. This will leave plenty of green space next to the pavilion for other event needs.



Examples of Other Courts

Bentleyville



~~Newbury~~ Bentleyville



~~Chagrin~~ Newbury



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