

**Village of Chagrin Falls
Parks Commission
April 26, 2016**

Next meeting: May 24, 2016

Members present: Anne deConingh, Greta Insolia, Tod White, Councilwoman Janna Lutz, Mayor Bill Tomko

Also present: Service Department Head Rob Jamieson, Street Foreman John Brockway

Community members: Melissa Zwick (coordinating volunteer clean-up Riverside Park), Jeff Lawson (Erin Taggart) of Canine Companions for Independence

The meeting was convened in the Village Hall at 8:35am.

MINUTES

Anne made a motion to approve the March 15, 2016 meeting minutes. Janna Lutz seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

TRIANGLE PARK

-A representative of Canine Companions for Independence (Jeff Lawson, Erin Taggart) requested permission to hold a fundraising event in Triangle Park to benefit their non-profit (CCI). Although all agreed it is a worthwhile and noteworthy cause, the downtown village parks cannot accommodate such a large event that does not meet with the Village of Chagrin Falls mission statement. Frohring Meadows or South Russell Park were suggested as alternative venues.

-continued discussion regarding trimming back the Arborvitae hedges that are blocking the view of the bandstand-

-the missing "8" is being constructed currently

-ongoing discussion regarding boxwood replacement for Triangle Park and Riverside Park

-'poop' bag boxes are purchased and will be placed at Triangle Park with Beth Skeel's help

BIKE RACKS

In progress as Rob Jamieson awaits site approvals. A suggestion was made to add a single U or two near Starbucks to provide some bike lock up options for spring time riders who stack their bikes against store windows.

WILDFLOWER SEED/SOD

Per Rob Jamieson, the Vincent St. arboretum will be the first (trial?) area to be seeded with native wildflower. This process begins with killing off weeds and dormant growth (at least a year) to provide the most supportive environment for the new plants.

RIVERSIDE PARK

-Chagrin Falls resident Melissa Zwick presented her idea to organize a community clean-up day for Riverside Park. She suggested June 18th as an appropriate date - following both Blossom and Art by the Falls - for residual clean-up. Chagrin Falls schools have been approached. Boy Scout troops will be contacted as well.

-Rescue Village was on the agenda (no representative present at meeting) to request space for Woofstock, a fundraising event, at Riverside Park. Councilwoman Janna Lutz reiterated that it is not in the Village mission, nor is the Village prepared, to host large venue events for business that do not operate in the Village of Chagrin Falls.

-Anne deConingh will write to Rescue Village to advise them of the above decision

-On going discussion regarding boxwood replacement at Riverside Park- John Brockway and the Beautification committee will discuss the next step towards purchase, interim care and placement. John and crew are currently locating and repairing the irrigation system in that area.

-Rob Jamieson brought forward a request by a resident to 'add benches in the shade near the playground equipment'. All present agreed that after the Pin Oaks leaf out, a suitable shady site will be more evident and we will proceed at that point.

-Mayor Tomko brought forward a complaint regarding 'loud' music in Riverside Park. John Brockway and Rob Jamieson will turn off the power to the outlets in Riverside Park.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45am.

Anne deConingh, Chairman