

**Village of Chagrin Falls
Parks Commission
July 25, 2017**

Next meeting: August 22, 2017

The meeting was convened in Village Hall at 8:26 am.

In attendance: Anne deConingh, Rob Jamieson, Janna Lutz, Bill Tomko,

The May 23 and June 27, 2017 meeting minutes were not approved - did not have a quorum.

River Run Park

Cat's Den Garden Club will plant 1,000 daffodil bulbs around the gazebo and the sign on October 11 at 10:30 am.

Construction of the bocce ball court will begin on Tuesday, August 1. On at least three occasions, Rob Jamieson, John Brockway, and Rob Arnold have consulted with the Mayfield Heights Service Dept. where the city has five bocce ball courts. MH has been very generous with sharing information about how to build the courts (under drains, railroad ties, stone purchase, etc.) and has offered to contribute 10 bags of pelletized green clay to mix with limestone screening for the court surface. MH has also offered to share their template for a scoreboard. The court will be 60' long and there will be enough room near it to build a second court if needed; the old bus shelter could be placed with the second court. The placement of the court is good for avoiding leaf fall. Rob is determined to make sure the job is done right the first time and that it is level.

The dog run needs attention to close gaps where dogs have recently escaped. Also, a sign is needed at each entrance gate reminding dog owners to close them.

Riverside Park

Regarding the stairway from the library parking lot into the park, heavy salt put down by the CCPL maintenance crew will have a very negative effect on the rain garden the Village plans to put in at the top of the stairs where erosion occurs. An easement is needed from the CCPL and a dialogue with the plowing crew would be helpful. Anne will bring this up at the next Friends of the Chagrin Falls Board meeting on Tuesday, August 8.

Bill Tomko met with the Jaycees on July 5 and learned that they are still thinking about what they can give. In an email soon after the meeting, Bill learned from Matt Nelson of the Jaycees that they are committed to doing the labor of stacking bricks on pallets, but that they are still in

the process of finalizing their financial donations for the coming year; typically they do not distribute funds until February. They will let Bill know when the decisions have been made.

A contract to replace the retaining wall near the big sycamore has been approved for construction this fall; then wildflower seed will very gingerly be planted. (The seed is extremely small, difficult to broadcast, and expensive.) Ohio Prairie Nursery can spec it.

Overgrown shrubbery between the playground and the river needs to be addressed. The Shade Tree Commission will look into what can be done there; Terry Rounds should ask Holden Arboretum for recommendations.

"Keep Out" signs have been effective in protecting the newly planted grass seed from foot traffic.

Bell Street Park

Anne will show Rob where the two benches from Riverside Park should be placed. This is far down the list as the Street Dept. has more pressing work (asphalt repair) to accomplish right now.

Triangle Park

Postponed rained out concert now scheduled for August 17.

Franklin Park

Anne presented a draft of a letter to be sent to residents of the four streets in this area. A clearer description of exactly where this park is located is needed and some refinements to Plans A, B, and C were suggested. Anne will email a revision before having it printed out on Village letterhead. Debbie Bosworth will provide addresses for mailing.

Adjournment: 9:18 AM

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Anne Wombwell deConingh, Chair