

**Village of Chagrin Falls
Parks Commission
September 26, 2017**

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 8:30 AM

The meeting was convened in Village Hall at 8:30 AM.

In attendance:

Parks: Anne deConingh, Greta Insolia, Tod White, Janna Lutz
Administration: Mayor Bill Tomko, Rob Jamieson, John Brockway
Chagrin Falls Village Council: Angela DeBernardo
ARB/Your HomeTown: Wendy Naylor
Chagrin Falls Historical Society: John Bourisseau
Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works: Byron Sah

Audience: Janine Bauman, Reed Carpenter (local architect), Gregg Hill, Ken and Nancy Roby

Minutes: September 11, 2017 meeting minutes will be approved at October 10 meeting.

River Run Park:

1. Bocce ball court completed and hydroseeding around court taking place this week. Angela DeBernardo is working on an smartlock online locking/ combination option for equipment box.
2. Walk to locate the bus shelter and gazebo in River Run Park scheduled for 9/28 @2pm so that the Cat's Den Garden Club can plant daffodils on Oct. 11.

Riverside Park:

1. Council approved bid from Brookside Construction Services, Inc. for \$108,414.10 to build new path from the library to the park. The Chagrin Valley Jaycees will take up and palletize the bricks that are now in place to reuse in the new path. The Friends of the Chagrin Falls Library will fund the rain garden at the top of the steps, and the Village will plant wildflowers in the open areas between the walkway and steps that will intersect.
2. The replacement streetlight in Riverside Park will be installed by First Energy before winter.
3. The retaining wall replacement will not be accomplished this year; instead, it will be incorporated with the Main Street bridge repair starting in 2019.
4. Shrubbery near the playground will be trimmed back this fall and discussions with Terry Rounds re: tree planting will occur.
5. Weeds and phragmites near wing walls/sycamore will be sprayed this fall according to John Brockway.

Bell Street Park:

1. Pads have been poured for benches in Bell Street Park.

Franklin Park:

1. Trees will be planted next to benches but no other changes at this time. Possible signage to be brought up at future meeting.

Ben King Arboretum:

1. Wildflowers here have been widely praised as well as at Cleveland Street.

Bridge Repair will begin 6/2019 following ART by the FALLS

RAILING DECISION needed by DECEMBER 2017

Anne opened the discussion by re-introducing Mr. Sah to the group. He addressed the question re: cost of crash testing a new railing design per request of group at last meeting. The cost can range from \$120,000 for concrete to over \$200,000 for steel railings. Mr. Carpenter proposed looking more closely at other states' solutions to historic bridge replacement, specifically Indiana and Texas. Mr. Sah brought visuals and suggestions of crash tested railings that can be added to/enhanced, etc. The railing must meet FHWA requirements to be eligible for Federal funds. For this project, the minimum acceptable test level according to County standards is TL-2 and height 42" for a combination traffic & pedestrian rail. Sidewalk curb height: 4" or 6" to match existing curb height. Steel railings with standard ODOT paint system.. NO ALUMINUM.

It was suggested that support for railing costs could be obtained through Ohio Rep. Marlene Anielski, District 6.

-Main Street (CR 231) Bridge over Baldwin Creek - liked but NOT crash tested.

-Closer look at Texas and California rail options.

-Review Process-Meeting on 10/10 will bring together many options to put on Village website and discuss next steps.

-Brief discussion re: concrete formliner, and stone veneer options. Proposed: Steel pier cantilever support option to tie in to the railing. Mr. Sah will investigate this idea for feasibility.

Adjournment: 10:00 AM

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Anne Wombwell deConingh
Chair

