

**Village of Chagrin Falls
Parks Commission
November 14, 2017**

Next meeting: November 28, 2017

The meeting was convened in the Village Hall at 8:30am

In attendance:

Parks: Anne deConingh, Greta Insolita, Tod White

Administration: Rob Jamieson, John Brockway

Chagrin Falls Village Council: Angela DeBernardo, Nancy Rogoff

ARB: Wendy Naylor, Phil Koepf

CF Historical Society: John Bourisseau

Village residents: Erin Grubbe, Julia Lipp, Larry Trace, Reed Carpenter

HDR: Joanne Shaner

Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works: Byron Sah

-Main Street Bridge Railing-

Byron Sah (Cuyahoga County), and one representative (Joanne Shaner) from HDR (construction company) attended the meeting and provided renderings of TWO top railing picks (MASSDOT S3-TL4 and Texas C2P). These renderings had been posted on the Village website (Angela DeBernardo).

During the meeting the following issues were discussed:

Safety - many concerns were raised regarding the ease and accessibility of climbing. Parents/residents are concerned that the horizontal railings invite your kids to climb up to view the falls.

Aesthetics - which design is most in keeping with the aesthetic style of the CF Village architecture (other fences, railings, sign posts, benches, light fixtures etc.)

Accessibility to view: which design allows for optimal viewing of falls and invites pedestrians to stop and enjoy.

Final Three Options:

George Washington with added pickets:

The GW offers three (3) rounded/pipe-like horizontal elements (4in) backed by 3/4 in pickets.

- This option somewhat addresses safety concern re: climbing in that it is thought the round horizontal elements would be more difficult for children to climb.
- This option tends to appear more industrial/modern and may not be aesthetically in keeping with the quaint Western Reserve style of historic CF Village.
- This option has acceptable viewing access given the crash test structural requirements and the child safety concerns.

Mass Dot SL- TL4 with pickets behind

- This option offers three (3) squared off/rectangular horizontal elements (4in) backed by 3/4 in pickets.
- This option could include:
 - the visually clean, top ledge reminiscent of current railing OR
 - No ledge and a simple bar (square)
- The ledge option addresses the safety concern in that children would be less able to climb over the top rail.
- This option is in keeping with the aesthetic Western Reserve style in that the rounded elements are not present.
- This option has acceptable viewing access given the crash test structural requirements and the child safety concerns.

Texas C2P (no fin) - with pickets visible above/behind the tube/rounded horizontal top railing

- This option offers two (2) square horizontal elements with the top rail being rounded.
- This option could mitigate safety concern in that the top railing is rounded and more difficult to grasp.
- This option offers a mix of rounded and square elements which can be aesthetically busy and hence distracting.
- This option is less in keeping with the village Western Reserve style.
- This option has acceptable viewing access.

The above three options will be posted on the Village website and FB page for residents to comment. The FINAL meeting regarding Main St. bridge railing design will be 11/28 @8:30 in Village Hall.

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 9:40

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 28 @8:30am in Village Hall

Anne deConingh
Chair