

Village of Chagrin Falls Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes - July 24, 2018

The meeting was convened in Village Hall at 3:15 PM

In attendance:

Parks: Anne deConingh, Greta Insolia, Jeff Opperman, Tod White

Administration: Rob Jamieson, Mark Nelson

Chagrin Falls Council: Julia Lipp

Approval of June 28 and July 10 Meeting Minutes: Anne made motion; Tod seconded.

Riverside Park:

- Railings for new library walkway: Not here yet. Will be shipped at beginning of August; contractor will install.
- Library walkway: Mayor Tomko and Rob Jamieson met with Ohio Prairie Nursery regarding high grass. Majority is "barnyard grass" typically found in fill dirt and very invasive. Wildflowers have been eclipsed. Rob recommended killing off everything; need a full year to accomplish this. Then replant flower seeds. Will decide in two weeks.
- Park grass rehabilitation: in terrible shape; will meet with Frank Artino of Tank Landscape later this week.
- Shakespeare in the Park: Rescheduled to Triangle Park because of poorly grown grass near old skating shelter. Rehearsals: July 22, 23, 24, 25; performances: July 27, 28.
- Kronenberg family request to use entrance to Riverside Park for family reunion dinner, etc. on September 1 - Parks turned down. Anne will contact family representative and suggest renting Township Hall.
- Safe Routes Walk to School/Walk to Town event on Friday, September 28: rain dates: Friday October 5 and 26. Approved. Anne will contact Kathryn Garvey.
- New playground discussion: Rob has not received a formal RFP; no formal budget, schedule. Suggested having brainstorm sessions with

vendors; don't make so formal now. List items we are looking for; then hone in. Need to figure out fundraising, capital budget. Rob will reach out to Erinn Grube and Karl Maersch. Julia Lipp said support for budget will be contingent on funding. Also, Main Street bridge and wing wall replacements will present problems with proposed timing of playground installation.

(Following the meeting, Rob had a chance to speak with Karl and now has a better feel for what Karl is proposing with the RFP process; he is fine with giving it a try. It does not commit us to any specific item or purchase, and if we are unhappy with the results, we can simply discard the RFP and reissue it with changes per our request. The main question is if Parks is going to move forward with the overall idea or not.)

Stairway to the Falls:

Greta has talked with Melissa Zwick, co-ordinator for last clean up who can no longer do this. Will talk with Mayor Tomko's wife, Friday, of Stouffer Realty who sponsored food, etc. at last clean up. Greta will also ask Erinn Grube about Boy Scouts help and getting rappelling badges in the process.

4:00 - Meeting adjourned

Anne Wombwell deConingh, Chair

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 28 at 3:30 PM in Village Hall