

Village of Chagrin Falls Parks Commission

Meeting Minutes - August 28, 2018

The meeting was convened in Village Hall at 3:40 PM

In attendance:

Parks: Anne deConingh, Erinn Grube, Greta Insolia, Paola Bernazzani, Tod White

Administration: John Brockway

Chagrin Falls Council: Angie DeBernardo

Audience: Chelsea Whitman - Rush

Approval of July 24 Meeting Minutes.

Riverside Park:

- Railings for new library walkway have been installed.
- Park grass rehabilitation: Meeting with Frank Artino of Tank Landscape, JayCee Joe Constant, John Brockway. John has not approved the work and Frank has not yet been paid, but nothing will be done yet this year. John is devising new guidelines which include aerating, hydroseeding, fertilizing for next year. Not sure if Frank Artino will be doing the restoration again.
- Considered lemonade stand application created by Debbie Bosworth. Still in a quandary about what do with this as well as street musicians, etc. Erinn will talk with Chief Amber Dacek and Law Director, Dale Markowitz.
- *Roundup* issue. John Brockway made presentation about this product and its application. EPA tests show that ingestion by dogs or children would not be good, but would have to take in 1,000's and 1,000's of gallons to have a negative effect. The Service Department uses this in many places in town and purposely sprays in middle of night so the product is dry by morning. Other products cannot be used; *Roundup* travels straight to the weed roots and does not translocate, i.e., the river.

There is no such thing as an organic weed killer.

Other products include ingredients we cannot control. Tried *Burn Out*, but is expensive, acidic, and still doesn't accomplish results we want. John and Katie Leavitt are both licensed to spray.

Lots of different types of *Roundup*; Village is using commercial *Roundup*.

"Good Nature" Alex McClennan has a new product which is a selective herbicide (*Roundup glyphosate* is non-selective).

Village uses *Roundup Rodeo* on phragmites in the river and Whitesburg.

Paola said less than 1% of 40,000 known chemicals are tested by the EPA. WHO has declared *glyphosate* a carcinogen.

In 2018 the Village has used less of it because Katie has done lots of weeding.

of spraying sessions - 3 times /year - spring, summer, fall; careful of wind speed and heat.

Erinn will do a write up of this discussion topic and send it to John and Commission members for review before posting on Village website.

New playground: After a brief discussion, it was determined that we really need to take a hard look together at the current playground and come up with guidelines before any proposals are made so the next meeting will take place at the playground.

Stairway to the Falls:

Erinn Grube will contact Boy Scouts about cleanup project; Greta will contact Heinen's about food; work from 9:00 to 11:00 AM on Saturday, September 29.

Chagrin Yoga:

Still wants to use Triangle Park; needs to complete application.

4:37 - Meeting adjourned

Anne Wombwell deConingh, Chair

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 25 at 7:15 AM at the Riverside Park playground.