

## **Village of Chagrin Falls**

### **Parks Commission**

**February 1, 2023, 8:30 am**

**Next meeting: March 1, 2023 8:30am**

The meeting was convened in Village Hall at 8:35am.

In attendance:

Parks: Anne de Coningh, Jeff Opperman, Tod White

Administration: Rob Jamieson

Chagrin Falls Village Council: Brian Drum

In the audience: Christy Bittenbender from Dogwood Valley Garden Club, Kate and Jay Humphrey regarding River Run Bark Park

Minutes from the November 2 meeting: Jeff made a motion to approve, Brian seconded. All approved.

Park Event Applications:

2023-04-09 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE – FELLOWSHIP CHURCH  
(RIVERSIDE PARK) Anne motioned to approve, Jeff seconded. All approved.

2023-05-13 RUBBER DUCK RACE – CVCC (RIVERSIDE PARK) Approved banner on Main Street bridge for one week and to be taken down on the day of the event. Tod made a motion to approve, Jeff seconded. All approved.

2022 Accomplishments – Anne made a motion to approve, Jeff seconded. All approved.

2023 Goals and Objectives – Need to make one change to *Long term Goals* regarding Stairway to the Falls. Brian made a motion to approve, Jeff seconded. All approved.

Dogwood Valley Garden Club – Christy Bittenbender offered extra club funds to afford something such as a tree, butterfly way station, or the giving out of milkweed plants in Riverside Park. The group liked the idea of milkweed plants; Christy will talk with club members and get back to Anne with their desires.

Kate and Jay Humphrey, new residents, have organized a group of 200 dog owners who would like to improve the Bark Park in River Run Park using a synthetic turf known as Synlawn. They provided much information about it and the two different types of turf, both costly. They are willing to solicit donations, allocate funds, etc. Kate has spoken with John Brockway who has done a prodigious amount of work already to improve this dog park. The commissioners felt this was a good idea and agreed to consider working with them to make these improvements possible.

Chagrin Falls Historical Society – Rob reported that funds have been budgeted for the signs the CFHS would like to install on the loop trail from Ben King Arboretum. Anne

will inform Ruth Zeager.

Strategic Planning discussion – This topic was covered briefly; it was agreed that this is something we really need to do. Rob and Anne will meet later this month to talk about how to approach this; Anne will also google municipal park strategy plan. Other commissioners are welcome to contribute examples they find.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne de Coningh, Chair

NEXT MEETING: 8:30am March 1, 2023, in Village Hall.