

**Village of Chagrin Falls  
Parks Commission  
July 5, 2023**

The meeting was convened in the Village Hall Council Chambers at 9:30am.

Members present: Anne de Coningh, Brian Drum, Jeff Opperman, Tod White  
Administration: John Brockway, Mark Nelson, Rob Jamieson  
In the audience: Kate Humphrey, Nancy Rogoff

MINUTES: Anne made a motion to approve the June 7 meeting minutes. Brian seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

PARK EVENT APPLICATION: Sidewalk Sale – Chagrin Falls Merchants Association – July 28 and 29, 10:00am to 6:00pm in Riverside and Triangle parks. The application was unanimously approved and recommended to Council.

RIVERSIDE PARK:

- Two artificial coyotes have been installed to address the Canada geese problem. So far, the geese seem to be repelled.
- Four inches of heavy rain wiped out the new grass seed and it all needs to be redone. Before that is accomplished, more equipment for the new irrigation system will be afforded with an additional \$26,000 taken from the \$35,000 budgeted for the replacement shelter; this new construction will be budgeted for 2024. Included during the irrigation work will be a new ramp from the municipal parking lot. Once the irrigation construction has been completed by Advanced Irrigation Systems (440-232-6387), Radicks Landscaping will return to scratch the new seed into the turf which had previously been pulverized six inches down.

RIVER RUN PARK:

- CAA – John Brockway has been communicating with Bob Munson about donations for improving the ball diamond area. The Village is still in the process of determining a final donation policy. Once that has been decided, the Village will work cooperatively with donations up to \$10,000. Also, John is working with Chad Tisdale. John also wants to talk with Don Simpson of Auburn Fence about post size before putting up a roof – 6'x6' system with metal roofing.
- Kate Humphrey presented information about triangular shade sails to be placed over black metal benches in the dog park. Depending on size, the cost ranges from \$25-75. This seemed to be a quick, cheap solution and the commission members unanimously approved recommending this to Council. John and Rob will look into it.

GROVE HILL PARK: Rob reviewed the phased plans:

- Phase 1 – Repair WPA stone walls on West Cottage and North Main streets; this work is currently out for bids. Upon completion of the repairs, plantings to serve as groundcover on the hillside areas immediately adjacent to the walls will be installed. \$80,000 has been budgeted for this phase which is planned to be completed this year.
- Phase 2 – Preliminary plans for the overall design of the walking trail include a loop path in the center of the hill where the contours are flatter, beginning and ending at the North Main sidewalk; three park benches mounted on concrete pads; suggested, but still to be determined, all-native perennials, shrubs, and trees whose placement is yet to be decided; and a trash receptacle to be located at the corner of West Cottage and North Main streets. Roughly \$100,000 to \$200,000 has been budgeted and the hope is that construction will be accomplished by the end of 2024.

**Next Grove Hill Commission meeting: Wednesday, July 26 at 8:30am in Village Hall Council Chambers.**

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Everyone appreciated Brian's Google doc parks survey questions, but ran out of time to discuss them. Anne will put it near the beginning of August's agenda!

Nine black metal picnic tables should be delivered to the Service Department tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

**Next meeting: August 2, 2023 at 8:30am in Village Hall Council Chambers.**

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Wombwell de Coningh, Chair