

**Village of Chagrin Falls
Parks Commission
August 2, 2023**

Members present: Anne de Coningh, Brian Drum, Jeff Opperman, Greta Weber, Tod White

Administration: Kristy Holmes, John Brockway, Mark Nelson

In the audience: Nancy Rogoff, Jaycees rep Connor Packard

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

MINUTES

Anne made a motion to approve the July 5 meeting minutes. Brian seconded. The minutes were approved.

PARK EVENT APPLICATIONS

- Walk to Town Day (CF Middle School) - Safe Routes Chagrin – Tues., October 3, 1-3pm and Wed., Oct 4, 7-9:30am. Triangle Park and Riverside Park.
- Walk to Town Day (CF Intermediate School) - Safe Routes Chagrin – Fri., September 29, 2-6pm. Riverside Park. Rain date – Thurs., October 12
- OktubaFest – Jaycees – Sat., October 21, 11 am to 3pm (Rain date Sat., October 28) This event will include a car show which will take place in the East Orange Street Municipal parking lot ONLY. No cars will be allowed on the grass at Riverside Park due to recent restoration of grass. Please see attached revised map.

All applications were unanimously approved and recommended to Council.

GROVE HILL PARK: **MOTION:** *Phase 1 – Repair WPA stone walls on West Cottage and North Main streets. Upon completion of the repairs, install chosen plantings, contingent on availability, to serve as groundcover on hillside areas immediately adjacent to the walls. *Note: Need to get drainage installed before wall repair.*

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Brian created this google doc for discussion. All present approved content and survey format. Brian will send to the commission members a link to the most recent Geauga Park District survey and maps as an example of what Chagrin Falls might do to create a survey for determining a strategic plan.

RIVERSIDE PARK: Two artificial Coyotes purchased to address the Canada goose problem are working BUT more will be obtained as the geese are not easily deceived.

New irrigation installed and hydroseeding completed.

RIVER RUN PARK:

- Dog/human water fountains are in place as are the sun shades in the Bark Park.
- Mark and John have met with Auburn Fence regarding replacing the current fence in fall of 2023.
- Bob Munson is still involved with the donation process, especially with regard to putting concrete in the dugouts and replacing entire backstop with black vinyl gauge.

FOUNDERS FIELD: Brian is eager to maintain the same standard of care and attention in this park.

VINCENT STREET ARBORETUM: Ruth Zeager of the CF Historical Society is looking at branding changes for proposed signs. Still trying to figure out what to do with signs with QR codes.

Nine new black metal picnic tables have been purchased and distributed across parks – Bell St., River Run and Riverside – and seven more will be included in next year's budget to finish off the project. Two old wooden tables were given to the Rec Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.

NEXT MEETING:

September 6, 2023 at 8:30am in Village Hall Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Wombwell de Coningh, Chair

Greta Weber, Secretary