

**Village of Chagrin Falls
Parks Commission
August 22, 2017**

Next meeting: September 26, 2017

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

In attendance: Anne deConingh, Greta Insolia, Tod White, Bill Tomko, Rob Jamieson

Bainbridge resident living on Catsden Road: Monica Gustafson

River Run Park

Bocce ball update - Rob Jamieson said construction is well underway and should be complete by end of August. The gazebo will be moved slightly south to accommodate daffodil planting.

Riverside Park

Mayor Tomko said designs for steps to library being finalized; then sent out for bids. To accommodate ADA, design will have to switchback. Possible intersecting straight steps constructed by Jaycees.

Jeremiah Swetel, Head of Cuyahoga County Public Library Facilities (216-749-9434), will monitor/limit salt dispersal in library parking lot and see that the steps are not salted by the CCPL in winter. Discussion of future rain garden/wildflowers at top of hill near new steps.

Rob Jamieson will call about replacing missing streetlight in Riverside Park.

Shrubbery near playground - possibly co-ordinate with Shade Tree Commission to thin out during winter.

Franklin Park

Greta has received responses from 10+ residents regarding the proposed improvements to Franklin Park. The majority of residents would like it to stay 'open', maybe perimeter trees near benches and a low, subtle sign. Anne and Greta will draft a follow up letter for residents once final plan is established...including possible rain garden in current swale.

North Main Street Bridge Replacement 2019-2020

The replacement will begin after Art by the Falls in 2019 and continue as long as weather permits; then recommence in spring 2020. Mayor Tomko indicated that he would like the Parks Commission to help advise on the 'aesthetics' and historical accuracy of the new bridge walls/railing, etc. John Bourisseau of the CF Historical Society, and Wendy Naylor and Phil Koepf of the Board of Architectural Review will be heading up and advising a committee to determine options. They should be invited to the next Parks meeting. Anne and Greta should work to set up a separate meeting to get the ball rolling.

Some aspects to keep in mind are that there should be no consideration of fake stone; look at the Cleveland Street bridge. The railing should be non-corrosive, crash resistant, and meet ODOT requirements.

Other

Suggestions for duck feed sign (No Bread) and sale of feed via dispenser in Riverside Park were nixed. Duck feed can be purchased at Chagrin Hardware for \$1/bag.

Reed Carpenter, friend of Terry Taggart, has asked for something to memorialize Terry's design for Riverside Park entrance. The class of 1962 raised \$400 at their recent CFHS 55th reunion for such an effort. Bill Tomko said to hold off on this until the Main Street bridge renovation draws nearer.

A resident of Bainbridge, Monica Gustafson, attended the meeting in order to apply for permission to exhibit and apply her henna products/skin art designs in Riverside Park. The Parks Commission denied the request based on precedence. She was encouraged to ask local businesses if they would allow her to operate on their premises.

Adjournment: 9:40 AM

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Anne Wombwell deConingh, Chair