

Village of Chagrin Falls

Parks Commission

February 19, 2019

Next meeting : March 19, 2019 at 3:30pm in Village Hall

The meeting was convened at Village Hall at 3:30pm.

In attendance:

Parks: Anne Wombwell deConingh, Greta Insolia, Jeff Opperman

Administration: Debbie Bosworth, John Brockway

Chagrin Falls Village Council: Erinn Grube

Minutes from the January meeting approved by Erinn Grube and seconded by Greta Insolia.

Debbie Bosworth presented recommendations regarding the various parks' applications:

- All residents wanting to reserve a park must fill out the necessary application.
- If unsealed food is sold on Village property, must obtain 10-day permit from Cuyahoga County Board of Health.
- Children (and their parents) who want to have a lemonade stand in a park do not need to fill out an application. Ask police to obtain name and phone number.
- Applications due by noon on the Thursday prior to the third Tuesday of the monthly Parks meeting.
- Discussion of modifying application: add flat fee of \$20 trash and \$20 electrical - to be deducted from \$500 deposit. Water could be optional.
- Prior approval for parking. (Village should provide parking maps for each park.)
- No vehicles on grass.
- Traffic needs must be approved by police dept.
- No tents with stakes without approval.
- Public restrooms required if event is over 200 people and more than four hours.
- Weddings - participants must live in Village or have Village sponsors.

35 Hall Street: the historic bank building will remain intact on the property at this time.

Chagrin River Watershed Partners will present "The Benefits of Rain Gardens for the Individual Homeowner and Community" at Township Hall on Wednesday, February 20, 7pm.

Monarch Waystations and mayoral pledge, through National Wildlife Federation, to foster environment conducive to Monarch migration. Please see attached pledge.

Triangle Park:

Shakespeare in the Valley withdrew their application.

Riverside Park:

JUNE 10th: Construction will begin on the east side of the Main St. bridge.

- Watering of center gardens and planters, and Chagrin Hardware Store garden will be maintained.

- Once the contract is awarded (April 2019) Rob Jamieson will discuss vegetation replacement (re: Beautification concerns, as raised by Anne deConingh).

"Miscellaneous" category should be included in all agendas.

Adjournment: 3:40 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 19 at 3:30pm in Village Hall

Anne Wombwell deConingh
Chair

Greta Insolia
Secretary

Mayors' Monarch Pledge

Mayors and other local and tribal government chief executives are taking action to help save the monarch butterfly, an iconic species whose populations have declined by 90% in the last 20 years. Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, U.S. cities, municipalities, and other communities are committing to create habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators, and to educate citizens about how they can make a difference at home and in their community. Since the monarch's migration spans the United States, Mexico, and Canada, the pledge expanded to these countries through new tri-national partnerships in 2017. There are four steps to taking and implementing the pledge.

1. Take the Pledge

By taking the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, you are committing to both restore habitat in your community and encourage your citizens to do the same. Read the Mayors' Monarch Pledge language and then take the pledge online!

2. Specify Your Actions

We will follow up with the point person specified in the online pledge form and work to identify at least 3 specific actions that your community will initiate in the next year. Mayors who decide to take 8 or more actions will receive special recognition and become a member of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge Leadership Circle and those that take on every single action item will become a Monarch Champion City. Once these specific actions have been identified, communities will report their progress through a simple online survey form. Read the Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items and then specify which actions you will take.

3. Take Action

Once you have taken the pledge and specified which actions your community will take over the next year, it's time to start taking action! Over the next several months, the National Wildlife Federation will be sharing best practices for cities and municipalities through our online resources section, occasional email updates, social media, and webinars. Please refer to our resources section below for more details.

4. Report Progress

Once you have specified your actions and begun to take action we will ask communities to fill out a simple reporting form on an annual basis. The reporting process will only take 5-20 minutes depending on how many action items you are reporting. The data we collect will allow us to track the collective outcomes and impact of our work. Got questions? Please be sure to read our Frequently Asked Questions. If you do not see your question answered, please contact mayorsmonarchpledge@nwf.org.



Mayors' Monarch Pledge Action Items

Mayors and local or tribal government chief executives who have taken the Mayors' Monarch Pledge must commit to implement at least three of the 25 following action items within a year of taking the pledge. At least one action must be taken from the "Program & Demonstration Gardens" section. Mayors and local government chief executives taking more than eight actions will receive special recognition as part of the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Leadership Circle. NWF will follow up with all mayoral points of contact with a quarterly survey (1/1, 4/1, 7/1, 10/1) to monitor progress. Please visit www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge to take the pledge and access resources.

Communications & Convening:

- 1) Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat.
- 2) Launch a public communication effort to encourage citizens to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods.
- 3) Communicate with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- 4) Convene city park and public works department staff and identify opportunities for revised mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.
- 5) Convene a meeting with gardening leaders in the community to discuss partnerships to support monarch butterfly conservation.

Program & Demonstration Gardens:

- 6) Host or support a native plant sale or milkweed seed giveaway event.
- 7) Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- 8) Plant a monarch-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent location.
- 9) Convert abandoned lots to monarch habitat.
- 10) Plant milkweed and native nectar plants in medians and public rights-of-way.
- 11) Launch a program to plant native milkweeds and nectar plants in school gardens by engaging students, teachers and the community.
- 12) Earn recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by expanding your action plan to include other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts through a program like the NWF Community Wildlife Habitat program
- 13) Create a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the city to create habitat for the monarch butterfly.

- 14) Initiate or support citizen-science efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.
- 15) Add milkweed and nectar producing plants in community gardens.
- 16) Expand invasive species removal programs to make it possible to re-establish native milkweed and nectar plants to the landscape.
- 17) Host or support a city monarch butterfly festival.

Systems Change:

- 18) Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).
- 19) Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.
- 20) Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed where appropriate.
- 21) Direct city property managers to consider the use of native milkweed and nectar plants at city properties where appropriate.
- 22) Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
- 23) Change landscape ordinances to support integrated pest management and reduced use of pesticides and insecticides.
- 24) Adopt pesticides practices that are not harmful to pollinators.
- 25) California Specific: Pass a resolution to protect over-wintering monarch butterfly habitat on public and private lands.

Sign the pledge at www.nwf.org/mayorsmonarchpledge