

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
PARKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

June 18, 2019

Next meeting: July 18, 2019 at 3:30 PM

The meeting was convened at Village Hall at 3:35 PM.

In attendance:

Parks: Anne deConingh, Greta Insolia, Jeff Opperman

Administration: Rob Jamieson, John Brockway

Village Council: Erinn Grube, Angie DeBernardo, Nancy Rogoff

Fire Marshal: Jim Aluni (Finley)

Chagrin Documentary Film Festival President: Mary Ann Ponce

Chagrin Valley Times Reporter: Barbara Christian

Minutes of meeting held on May 21, 2019 were approved.

Riverside Park -

- **H and M Landscaping:** H and M Landscaping has cultivated, added topsoil, and hydro-seeded damaged areas with rye grass which should germinate in 14-21 days; will return in July to fertilize.
- Anne asked that brush and overgrown grass, weeds, etc. at eastern end of park where most of dogwood saplings have died be cleaned up and mowed.
- Old skating shelter - Jaycees are interested in repairing or removing it; Mayor Tomko, Rob Jamieson, John Brockway will evaluate structure. Should hold off on planting perennials in that area.
- Chagrin Documentary Film Festival - Tuesday, October 1 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM - large screen in park facing Main Street in anticipation of 10th Anniversary, October 2 - 6, 2019. Rain date is Wednesday, October 2. Also included request to set off fireworks by American Fireworks in area where old skating pond was. Jim Aluni (Finley) expressed his approval since fireworks will be relatively small (1.4 grade) and fallout areas should not affect nearby residences. Show will be 10-15 minutes. Fall out area will have barriers marked off and will be manned by CFFD and CFPD. Pending approval by the CFPD, deposit, and certificate of insurance, Anne made a motion to approve and Erinn seconded for Council to review.
- Safe Routes to School - 10th Annual Walk to School - Walk to Town Day - Friday, September 20, 2019 (8am to 8pm); rain date Friday, November 1, 2019. Anne made motion to approve and Greta seconded, pending deposit and certificate of insurance.

Triangle Park -

- Safe Routes to School - *See above*. Anne made motion to approve and Jeff seconded.
- Community 4th of July - 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Chagrin Falls Historical Society: 9:00 - Bike parade; 9:30 AM - pet parade; ceremony; fife and drum band; Fab Four Car Show; kids activities; Jaycees food stands; Popcorn Shop; CF museum gift shop tent. Anne made motion to approve and Jeff seconded.
- Chagrin Valley Little Theatre "Shakespeare by the Falls" - Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27. Anne made motion to approve and Greta seconded, pending complete information, application, deposit and signature on application.

River Run Park -

- On June 13 and 14, John Brockway started working on removing invasive species (multiflora rose, privet, poison ivy) using Skid Steer mulching equipment, but ground still too wet to make much headway.
- Dog park - Still too wet.
- U.S. Forestry grant for 500 native species: larger species to be planted by professionals and smaller by volunteers. Do not have a date for this yet.
- Chagrin River Watershed Partners: "Stream Stewardship and Storm Water Management" presentation at Township Hall on Monday, July 22 at 7:00 pm. Registration recommended. Call 440-975-3870, ext. 1003.

Stairway to the Falls and environs -

- St. Joan of Arc Scout troop just did this. Put "Community Riverbank Clean up Day" on August agenda for fall clean up.

Park Rules - Erinn introduced a request by Village Law Director, Dale Markowitz, that the Parks Commission review and write rules regarding park uses as they relate to First Amendment rights. Erinn will email to us the Cuyahoga County Metroparks Permit Regulations document to use as a springboard for our discussions and ultimate statements.

Miscellaneous - J & K Painting will be power washing the Bandstand; also sealing shake roof. Chagrin Valley Painting will seal the Stairway to the Falls.

Adjournment at 3:35 pm

Next meeting: 3:30 PM Tuesday, July 16, 2019 in Village Hall

Anne Wombwell deConingh, Chair

Greta Insolia, Secretary