

## **Village of Chagrin Falls**

### **Parks Commission**

**September 2, 2020**

**Next meeting: October 7, 2020 Zoom meeting 8:30am**

The meeting was convened at Village Hall by Zoom at 8:35am.

In attendance:

Parks: Anne deConingh, Greta Insolia, Tod White

Administration: Kristy Holmes, John Brockway

Chagrin Falls Village Council: Nancy Rogoff

Revised minutes from the July 22, 2020 meeting approved by Nancy, seconded by Greta.

Minutes from the August 5, 2020 meeting approved by Nancy, seconded by Anne.

#### **Riverside Park:**

Request for Riverside Park use by Barre 3 in Solon on 9/13,9/27,10/4,10/18 at 8:45 am. Social distancing/masking guidelines to be adhered to. Unanimous vote to approve.

Request by Chamber of Commerce/Molly Gebler to hold Ghost Walk on 10/03 from 8:00 to 10:00pm in Riverside Park. This is a fundraiser to benefit the Chagrin Falls Historical Society. Limit 50/prepaid. The 'ghosts' will be stationed around the park. Social distancing will be adhered to - confirmed by Molly Gebler via phone. Parks commission voted unanimously to send this to Council.

StoryWalk sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Mayor Bill Tomko. The laminated pages of a children's picture book will be placed on yard signs and spaced throughout Riverside Park. One to two-month trial period to see how it goes.

Requested use of Riverside Park by the B'nai Jeshurun Rabbi Stephen Weiss for a High Holy Days religious ceremony (Tashlikh) on Sunday, September 13 at 10:30am. 20 attendees, standing by the river for this short ceremony - 20 minutes.

Miscellaneous:

Fire hydrant removed near the skating shelter in Riverside Park left a large, unsightly hole that needs soil and grass.

Skating shelter has sustained vandalism via knife carving. Can we put up signs suggesting cameras are watching the shelter?

Littering: Can we post signs about FINES for littering?

### **River Run Park:**

Queries made about the condition of River Run dog park. The gate facing Solon Rd. will be locked; also, dog waste dispensers will be refilled more often. John Brockway is planning to lengthen the enclosed space, repair fencing and add separations for small and large dogs. Currently remediating the extra salt issue due to lack of use for snow last winter.

Additionally, John Brockway will look at the playground area in River Run Park to assess the grounds upkeep and condition of equipment.

The trees near the Bocce Ball Court/Solon Rd. will be spaced out this fall. Trees that were part of a grant to the Village and planted by Davey Tree and Chagrin River Watershed Partners will be moved or removed later this fall.

### **Ben King Arboretum**

Final sliver of land on Low St. has been acquired by the Village of Chagrin Falls which should allow trail development to begin. Cost is about \$140,000. ODNR NatureWorks has already committed a \$65,000 grant for which we now have an extension. This item should be put on the agenda for the beginning of 2021 for \$ from the General Fund. Follow up with Rob Jamieson.

Continued discussion of revamping Parks Use Application. One form for all was suggested. Follow up in next meeting - Kristy Holmes, Administrative Lead for Village Hall. Nancy Rogoff will include draft of new form in October meeting for Parks Commission to view/discuss.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am.

NEXT MEETING: 8:30am October 7, 2020 in Village Hall (via Zoom).

Anne W. deConingh, Chair

Greta Insolia, Secretary