

Village of Chagrin Falls

Parks Commission

April 7, 2021

Next meeting: May 5, 2021 Zoom meeting 8:30 AM

The meeting was convened at Village Hall via Zoom at 8:32 AM.

In attendance:

Parks: Anne de Coningh, Greta Insolia, Jeff Opperman, Tod White

Administration: John Brockway, Kristy Holmes, Rob Jamieson

Chagrin Falls Village Council: Nancy Rogoff

Audience participants: Jeff Poprik and Sean McMillion from the Chagrin Valley Jaycees;

Karen Haines from the Chagrin Valley Toastmasters; Erinn Grube from the Valley Art

Center; Mary Ann Ponce from the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival

Minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting approved; minutes from March 17 meeting approved.

Chagrin Valley Jaycees Blossom Time – Oct. 14 – 17 – All Day – Triangle and Riverside Parks

- Agreed to forego the Taste of Chagrin on Sunday, Oct. 17 because of Farmers Market already scheduled. Will schedule for Friday evening, Oct. 15 and all-day Saturday, Oct. 16.
- Agreed to installing snow fence on Monday evening, Oct. 11.
- Agreed that McCausland Landscaping would be able to restore turf in reasonable time before winter.
- Understood that sale of alcohol will not be permitted.
- Understood that an amended application needs to be submitted to Council to detail Distinguished Service Awards in VIP tent.
- Traditional Memorial Weekend Blossom May 2021 festival will still be held.
- Motioned by Anne, seconded by Greta to recommend to Council that Taste of Chagrin and Carnival rides be allowed, but no alcohol sales. Also, that Council could consider an amended application description of an event for Distinguished Service Awards in the VIP tent where food and beverages can be purchased. Approved by all except Tod who abstained.

Chagrin Valley Toastmasters Club – June 1 – 7:00 – 8:30 PM – Triangle and Riverside Parks

- Sticking point was club's lack of the required insurance; Rob Jamieson is looking into how this will be handled.

- Motioned by Anne, seconded by Jeff to recommend to Council that the CV Toastmasters be allowed to use Triangle Park for speeches, and possibly serve cake in Riverside Park to celebrate their 50th Anniversary if insurance issue can be resolved. Approved unanimously.

Valley Art Center – Sundays: June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept.12, Oct. 10 – 10:00 – 2:00 PM – Triangle Park

- 5 – 6 white free-standing tents will be set up on the Triangle Park bricks for artists to sell their wares. Will not be allowed to arrive more than an hour before the Farmers Market. Will park on Main St. to unload and set up, and then move vehicles to a municipal lot until time to load up again.
- Motioned by Anne, seconded by Nancy to recommend this use to Council. Approved by all except Tod who abstained.

Chagrin Yoga – Saturdays: June 12, 26; July 10, 24; Aug. 14, 28 – 9:00 – 10:00 AM – Riverside Park.

- If COVID -19 requires it, Robin Peavey will again put down tape to create rectangles for social distancing.
- Motioned by Anne, seconded by Tod to recommend this use to Council. Approved by all except Greta who abstained.

Chagrin Documentary Film Festival – Oct. 5 – 10 – All Day – Riverside Park

- Basically the same as last year – scheduled free films shown on LED screen 24/7 and lights again on the dam falls were big hits. Audio will be reduced at night.
- Motioned by Anne, seconded by Nancy to recommend this use to Council. Approved unanimously.

Facilities and Services

- Reviewed annotated maps of downtown parks for regulating temporary holiday displays and decorations from Nov. 5 to Jan. 12.
- Discussed issue of signage; also need to keep decorations along the Riverside Park brick path outside the area where snow will be blown.
- Will learn more about application process at next meeting. In the meantime, we are invited to submit questions and make suggestions; next F&S_meeting is tomorrow, April 8 at 10:00 AM.

Riverside Park

- Design of new brick walk is still in process.

- Turf restoration must take place this summer so it is healthy for whatever damage occurs during October Blossom Time.
- Service Department is aware of need for new mulch at the playground.

Grove Hill Park

- Next meeting at the park will take place sometime this month.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

NEXT MEETING: 8:30 AM on May 5, 2021, in Village Hall (vía Zoom).

Anne Wombwell de Coningh, Chair

Greta Insolia, Secretary