

**Village of Chagrin Falls
Parks Commission
July 22, 2014**

Members present: deConingh, Lutz, White

Also present: John Brockway

In the audience: Meredith Exline and Scott Prince

The meeting was convened in the Village Hall Council Chambers at 8:40 AM.

MINUTES

Anne made a motion to approve the June 10, 2014 meeting minutes. Janna seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

NEW BOARD MEMBER SUGESSTIONS

Janine Bauman, Brig Carr. Need to consider additional possibilities.

FALLS OBSERVATION

Anne reported that the Venture Crew from St. Joan of Arc has essentially disbanded since most are going off to college. John Brockway had his men clean this area recently so things are in pretty good shape for now.

RIVERSIDE PARK

The Exline/Prince request for reserved use of Riverside Park (also asked about Bell St. Park too) for wedding reception games and activities was denied on the basis that this would be private use of a public space. Anne said she would get back to them after talking with Ben Himes about this decision. They are welcome to use the park in an informal way.

The "Arts Day" event scheduled for Friday, August 22 from 5:00-10:00 PM has been cancelled.

John has sprayed for bees in the shelter house.

The playground drinking fountain is still not working; the Water Dept. waiting for a part. Ben found the missing step stone!

Briar Hill work in Riverside Park has been completed. In response to Anne noting bare patches where seed has not germinated, John said she should have reported this much sooner as it is too late to have Frank Artino return.

BEAUTIFICATION

Anne gave John a two-page “to do” list (composed by the Beautification Committee Co-chairs) of shrubs and knockout roses that need to be pulled; also a few other clean up chores. John said he did not know what the Parks budget was for shrub replacement; he also said that the Service Dept. prefers to pull and replant at the same time, rather than pulling now and replacing later since it would be double work. The boxwood in Riverside Park is a different variety from the boxwood in Triangle Park. (Janine Bauman has Connie De Good’s original planting plans.)

BELL STREET PARK

Noted that one of the tea roses along the split rail fence is making a comeback.

OTHER

Janna showed everyone a photo of a retrofitted metal angle bar she saw in a Chicago park. It can be mounted on a low wall, such as the ones in Riverside Park, to discourage skateboarders. Everyone thought it would be a good idea here.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 AM.

NEXT MEETING:

August 26, 2014 at 8:30 AM in Village Hall Council Chambers.

Anne deConingh, Chairman