

**Village of Chagrin Falls
Parks Commission
January 26, 2016**

Members present: deConingh, Insolia

Also present: Mayor Bill Tomko, Councilwoman Janna Lutz, Village Administrator Ben Himes, Service Department Head Rob Jamieson, Street Foreman John Brockway

The meeting was convened in the Village Hall Council Chambers at 8:35am.

MINUTES

Anne made a motion to approve the November 24, 2015 meeting minutes. Janna Lutz seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

RIVER RUN PARK

Anne relayed the concern of Shirley Ashby regarding the state of the now dormant plantings at River Run Park. Service Department confirms that the plantings were annuals or dormant perennials. In the spring, the plantings will continue to be maintained.

RIVERSIDE PARK

A huge 'THANK YOU' went out to the Service Department of Chagrin Falls for repairing and cleaning the graffiti off of the bus shelter. Cameras have been installed to deter future vandalism. In addition, a special resistant coating was applied to the wood to make any necessary clean-up easier.

Discussion of the proposed ICE RINK in Riverside Park continued with all present agreeing that the next step must be a gathering of specific cost and structural requirements for renting the equipment. Village resident Jim Bolton will be meeting with members of the commission and the mayor soon to review options and develop a specific plan in order to guide funding needs/requests. Looking long term: the steps from Riverside to the Library need replacing and parks commission members will look at funding these steps and ice rink through grant application.

TRIANGLE PARK

Concern was raised regarding vandalism of the bandstand at Triangle Park. Specifically, the number 8 was damaged/removed. The Service Department will address this and may install a camera to deter future vandalism to the historic bandstand.

OTHER

The need for bike racks located in various locations throughout the business district of the village was discussed. The Service Department has volunteered to research options that will

work in tight spaces and be convenient for visiting bicyclists. There was some discussion of possible locations: shopping plaza, Riverside Park, behind Yours Truly, among others.

Discussion of volunteer groups, specifically the Beautification Committee, and the need to informally, and perhaps formally, thank the individuals who put so much time and effort into making Chagrin Falls so lovely throughout the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25am.

NEXT MEETING:

February 23, 2016 at 8:30am in Village Hall Council Chambers

Anne deConingh, Chairman