

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO
PARKS, FACILITIES AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 11, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

- Kathleen Hale
- Kathleen Esposito
- Bonnie Borman Goldston
- Ken Kvacek (joined the Meeting while in progress)
- Chief Gabe Barone (Joined the Meeting while in progress)

The Meeting was called to order at 9:02 AM.

REVIEW OF PRIOR MINUTES: The Minutes of the October 16, 2019 Meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Service Director, Lloyd Nagle, was unable to attend the Meeting, due to the necessity of completing neighborhood leaf pickup before the imminent first heavy snow of the season. Well done, Lloyd.

- In his absence, the Committee discussed some of the challenges of balancing the Service Department's carrying out sometimes conflicting, time sensitive tasks. Village trucks need to switch equipment to plow snow, and will not be able to use the leaf vacuum at the same time.
- Stick pickup is never compatible with either task. The Committee feels that the Village needs to send a clear message to homeowners, to minimize misunderstandings.
- There was discussion about the plan to restore the lighting inside the cupola on the Village Hall roof. The fixtures, original to the building construction, are for specialized outdoor fluorescent bulbs. The fixtures appear to still be functional. The bulbs will have to be replaced, and must first be located. The Service Director will search for replacements. It would be preferable, at some point, to replace the fixtures with LED lights. The Service Director will investigate.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Village Clambake went well and was well attended. Thanks to Ken Kvacek, who will file a separate report.
- Boo'ville was a great success this year. The weather was perfect (although Halloween itself was a different story). Resident and Pumpkin King, Mike Nemunaitis , deserves

special recognition and heart felt thanks from the Village for Keeping Bentleyville Spooky. The Committee discussed whether the Village might want to explore Trunk of Treat in a future Halloween celebration. It was agreed that there were a lot of details that would have to be worked out. We will discuss again later.

- Village Holiday Decoration and Tree Trimming will be carried out by the Garden Club of Bentleyville, preceded by earlier testing of the Village Christmas tree lights. Outdoor lighting will go up November 17, in coordination with the lighting of our neighbor, the Village of Chagrin Falls. New bows are being prepared by the Garden Club of Bentleyville for decorating the Solon Road Bridge. Thank you. It was decided to request the Mayor to use the Village email notification system to wish the residents Happy Thanksgiving and to invite them to the Village Tree Lighting party on December 1, 2019.
- The sign from the National Wildlife Federation recognizing the Village's designation of the Daffodil Hill as a Certified Wildlife Habitat has been received, and is awaiting installation. The sign is presently available for viewing in the Village Hall Office. Chief Barone has offered to see to the clear plastic seal coating of the sign to protect it from the elements. It was decided to post the sign in the Spring, at which time the Village will issue a press release, to celebrate the Village and Bentleyville Garden Club's accomplishment. The Committee will look for other possible sites for pollinator-friendly plantings on Village property, and encourage homeowners to learn more.

NEW BUSINESS: Ken Kvacek discussed the feasibility of suggesting an Eagle Scout project in the future to replace the Village Notification A-Frames with a better system. The Committee would applaud this initiative.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:28 AM

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING will be on December 18, 2019 at 9:00 AM.