

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday February 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted via Google Meet - meet.google.com/pxy-hyta-obo**

Attendees:

Kevin Anderson
John Friedmann
Tali Gorovoy
Gretchen Helmreich
Daniel Honigman
Amy Jahnke
Jay Lyon
Alan Mueller
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Deb Groh (Chicago Park District)
Sarah Bethel (Spark Montessori)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Review of December 2021 Minutes:

- Daniel motioned to approve minutes. Erica seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- The Benevity report for the end of 2021 has been received.
- A formal financial report for February 2022 will be made available soon, since this meeting is so close to the prior month close.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
 - Native plantings – or rye grass seeding - must begin in Spring 2022 to prevent erosion.
 - \$50K is still needed to complete the mound; fundraising is still in progress.
 - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**

- No update.
- **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - The cost will be \$2,500 for the filler; however, the cost to repair the wall – as well as the electrical and plumbing – is unknown.
- **Divvy Bike Pad:**
 - No update.
- **312 River Run event:**
 - The River Run subcommittee met on January 13.
 - Event type, date, participant limit, cost, and potential giveaways were all discussed. No decisions were made, but the subcommittee is leaning towards a community-oriented event.
 - The next subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 10.
- **Other:**
 - Interviewing for the Physical Education instructor is in progress.
 - The tree trunk near the tennis court will be cut down, and will not be turned into an art installation, per Chicago Park District policy.
 - Rock salt is currently used around the DFA; Deb will investigate other more dog-friendly solutions.
 - There has been an abundance of dogs in the Nature Trail. John F. and Erica will collaborate on signage to remind visitors that dogs are not allowed on the trail/
 - Several of the possible locations for the fitness equipment have some complications (e.g., water pipes underneath). The costs to install and repair are estimated high. Other spots must be explored.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - John O. and Amy are working to spruce up the bulletin board.
- **Jacob's Playlot:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Garden:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- The DFA held a fundraiser with Somethin' Sweet Donuts on January 21st that made \$148.

Stewardship Committee:

- The committee met at the end of January; the park stewards will be putting together a list of proposed events.
- There is now a centralized tracking sheet to track events; Tali is the main point of contact and will maintain the sheet in Microsoft Teams.

Concerts Committee:

- The committee is looking at dates for eight shows in 2022 and will be meeting sometime in the next two weeks. (Date TBD.)
- All marketing pieces will be out this month.

Farmers Market Committee:

- The first market of 2022 will be June 4. Plans are to go further into October, since it was requested by most vendors.
- Gretchen is putting the vendor application form on the website.
- Gretchen is working on the permit application.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Communications Committee:

- No report.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through November 2021 have been posted on the website.

New Business:

- John F. to get additional information from the park district on potentially hosting a “Movies in the Parks” event and will determine whether grant money is available to do so.

Old Business:

- **2021 Committee Reports:**
 - Committee chairs must submit their reports to Peter in the next week or so.
 - Peter to compile the reports into a Word Document, to save on the Horner Park Advisory Council Teams site.
- **Horner BrewFest 2022:**
 - John F. is tentatively proposing a BrewFest for July 15, dependent on COVID conditions and Chicago Park District policy, to raise money for ash tree treatment.
 - John F. will be forming a subcommittee to start preliminary planning.

Announcements:

- Deb is considering locking up the tennis courts and the mini pitch court, for ease of maintenance.
- Erica to connect with Deb about hosting a Doggie Egg Hunt event in the spring.

Motion to Adjourn:

Daniel motioned to adjourn; Amy seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

March 2 @ 7:00 pm. Horner Fieldhouse if possible; remote meeting if not.

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday March 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted via Google Meet - meet.google.com/pxy-hyta-obo**

Attendees:

John Friedmann
Tali Gorovoy
Daniel Honigman
Amy Jahnke
Stacy Niemiec (Spark Montessori)
Jay Lyon
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Carlton Jones (Illinois Little League)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Review of February 2022 Minutes:

- Daniel motioned to approve minutes. John O. seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- The Form 990 document has been filed for the year.
- \$450 will be paid for insurance.
- The Benevity report for the end of 2021 has been received.
- A formal financial report for February 2022 will be made available soon, since this meeting is so close to the prior month close.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
 - Planting needs to be done in the spring or they will not be able to be done.
 - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
 - We can start building the Nature Play Space in the spring.
 - Sara Bethel has sent a survey regarding the space.
 - **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - We will try to get additional information on costs.

- \$2500 was an estimate. No exact figures were available prior to the meeting, so the item was tabled for future discussion.
 - **Divvy Bike Pad:**
 - No update.
 - **312 River Run event:**
 - They had the second meeting and there is another meeting coming up.
 - The River Run date is June 18; HPAC is currently trying to secure sponsors.
 - The event will start at Clark Park and end at Horner Park.
 - **Other:**
 - Regarding the salt in the park – it was dangerously icy and trying to navigate around the ice. Peter recommended sending a letter to CPD.
 - HPAC is getting many comments about dogs in the nature area and other areas of the park. Potential solutions were discussed, such as increased signage in key areas (e.g., tennis courts, river path).
 - Peter and Daniel have obtained information from Mobile Makers as a potential method for community involvement.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - Christmas lights have been taken down.
- **Jacob's Playlot:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Garden:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- No decision yet on Doggie Egg Hunt. Deb Groh would not be available to assist, though other park district staff would be available.
- Donor thank you signs went up in the DFA.
- Regular maintenance continues. The committee will plan for spring mulching.
- An application for the State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant has been submitted.

Stewardship Committee:

- Minutes of the January Stewardship meeting were distributed.
- Tali will be reaching out to park stewards to activate and maintain the new project and event tracking tool in Teams.
- A virtual Stewardship meeting will be on March 29. 2022 goals will be discussed.
- We plan to participate in Earth Day clean up on April 23 at all parks; and River Day at Horner, Jacob and Sunken Gardens on May 14. We plan to work with the Chicago Parks Foundation for additional events throughout the year.

Concerts Committee:

- The committee has planned for ten shows planned and our budget is looking to be about \$13,000 including sound for this year.
- Jay received an email from Deb saying that they will be back in Manor this year

- Jay scheduled the first show for May 20 and then June 10th being the second.
- Jay has a Fleetwood Mac band, Polynesian dance, an artist from the Old Town School, a Tom Petty band, and the Waco Brothers
- It was discussed for Waco Brothers to be in Horner Park but behind the building, now by the landing.

Farmers Market Committee:

- No report.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Communications Committee:

- No report.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through December 2021 have been posted on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Announcements:

- None

Motion to Adjourn:

Peter motioned to adjourn; Daniel seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be April 6 @ 7:00 pm at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday April 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Attendees:

Erica Beutler
Courtney Eilers
John Friedmann
Jay Lyon
Alan Mueller
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Diane Sutliff
Bob Brobson (Lane Tech Softball)
Roger Irwin (Lane Tech Softball)
Grace Brobson (Lane Tech Softball)
Stella Brobson (Lane Tech Softball)
Moiria Irwin (Lane Tech Softball)
Regan King (DePaul College Prep Softball)
Emma Jones (DePaul College Prep Softball)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Review of March 2022 Minutes:

- Erica motioned to approve minutes. Jay seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- Funds continue to come in for this summer's Concerts series.
- There were minor expenditures in March 2022.
- Financial reports will be distributed under separate cover.
- Form 990 completed

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**

- Planting must be done by June 15th or it cannot be done until fall. A meeting was held with the Chicago Park District to discuss the condition of the mound and plantings.
 - The group applied for a city-funded grant for \$85K and was shortlisted for approval. Chantay Moore from the American Indian Center and the artist X and are scheduled to make a presentation for final approval. If received, it will be enough to complete the work. They are optimistic.
 - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
 - Sean Shaffer reported that work can begin once the ground is ready, and the contractor gets scheduled. Work is expected to begin soon.
 - **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - Estimated at \$2500, including plumbing and electrical but not masonry. Deb will investigate further on pricing and see if we can get costs down.
 - **Divvy Bike Pad:**
 - No update.
 - **312 RiverRun Event:**
 - The RiverRun Run date is June 25.
 - Sponsor letter was drafted; may need help securing sponsors.
 - A Lane Tech student made t-shirt design.
 - Another meeting will be held next week; fair amount of work to do yet.
 - **Salt on Paths:**
 - Peter to send an email to Deb to express HPAC (Horner Park Advisory Council) concern regarding excessive use of salt on the environment.
 - Deb to talk to landscaping about using less salt and better calibrating equipment.
 - **Mobile Makers:**
 - Peter and Daniel to connect with Maya Bird-Murphy to possibly coordinate around summer events. Services are fee-based so will be subject to further discussion/vote.
 - **Exercise Stations and benches:**
 - Erich Sprague is no longer the Project Manager.
 - Peter spoke with Maria Stone on April 6th, who said we could get the equipment and benches installed for \$50,000. Erica/Peter to follow up.
 - **Other:**
 - Deb will request NO DOGS signs to be placed on the tennis court gates.
 - John F. discussed with Lauren Umek the addition of NO DOGS signs to be placed at new 312 trail entrances at the Irving Pass underpass.
 - Courtney Eilers proposed pouring rubber surface for playground to replace current woodchips as safer and less maintenance. Deb to explore feasibility. (Deb has already ordered more fibar for the playlot.)
 - Deb walked pathway with Beth Tomlins. Repair plans are "in queue" but probably not going to happen this spring.
 - Deb talking to CPD about remediation plans for area outside of DFA.
 - Horner is in the process of hiring a new music instructor.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - John O. cleaned and cut back garden beds and planters at the park.

- John O. and Amy updated the information board at Manor Park with a new banner and background.
- Deb ordered more fibar for the playlot.
- **Jacob's Playlot:**
 - Deb ordered more fibar for the playlot.
- **Sunken Garden:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- Ongoing DFA maintenance continues.
- Currently fundraising for fresh fibar. This will be an annual maintenance expense. Goal is \$5,000 for spring improvements and maintenance. Fiber will be ordered separately and Italian Gardners will install. Hoping to have it completed next month.
- The large dog area gate latch broke and was replaced.
- There is no update on the build or State Farm grant.
- There will be no Doggie Egg Hunt this year.
- DFA Earth Day Cleanup will focus on picking up both inside and around outside of DFA.

Stewardship Committee:

- A Stewardship Committee meeting was held March 29; draft minutes were distributed under separate cover.
- **Earth Day:** Earth Day events will be held on Saturday, April 23 at all five HPAC parks from 9am-12pm. All parks are registered with Friends of the Parks, the event's sponsor.
 - Mulch will be provided at Ravenswood Manor Park and Sunken Garden.
 - Notre Dame group will do its own clean up on April 30 instead.
- **River Day:** River Day will be Saturday, May 14 from 9am-12pm, and is sponsored by Friends of the River. John F reported that Horner will participate. Plan to mulch trails and already have volunteers signed up.
- May 21 is the It's Our Parks Day event. HPAC participation is to be determined.

Concerts Committee:

- **Summer Concert Series:**
 - The 2022 Summer Concert Series dates are set. The schedule is as follows:
 - **5/20:** Fortunate Sons (CCR)
 - **6/10:** Hōkūle'a
 - **6/24:** Second Hand News (Fleetwood Mac)
 - **7/8:** The Waco Brothers
 - **7/22:** Pat Mallinger and Urban Soul
 - **7/24:** Narloch Piano Recital
 - **8/5:** The Mary Jane Breakdown (Tom Petty)
 - **8/19:** Le Ballet Petit Recital

- **9/9:** The Old Town School of Folk Music presents Jess McIntosh & Aaron Smith (Americana/bluegrass)
- We are excited to have shows back at Ravenswood Manor Park! The Waco Brothers will be at Horner as we expect a large crowd.
- For the first time, we will have a show at Jacob Park! The 9/9 show will be at Jacob, and we thank Dana Dougherty and the Greater Rockwell Organization for helping us with it. Still working on the power issue.
- We are about halfway to our goal for fundraising, and we need help getting the word out. Anyone who would like to help with fundraising, please contact Jay Lyon at jay@lyoncommunications.com.
- RMIA will put a subscriber letter in its newsletter.
- We will also need people to help on the day of the shows, with setting up lights and passing out program books.
- Permit application was sent in; HPAC need to do a CPD partnership application.
- Will apply for DCASE special event grant for shows between May and October.

Farmers Market Committee:

- No report.

Nominating Committee:

- Tali Gorovoy has resigned from her co-secretary position.
- Will be taking under advisement new candidates for co-secretary and treasurer. Preference for person familiar with QuickBooks and non-profits.

Communications Committee:

- No report.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through February 2022 are live on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

New Business:

- **Softball turf fields:**
 - Bob Brobson of Lane Tech Girls Softball Booster Club Rep presented their proposal to transform softball fields 7 and 8 into turf fields.
 - Challenged to find places to practice due to weather and competition from boys' baseball. Current fields in poor condition, benches buried.
 - Used Hale Park field renovation as an example. That cost \$750K and was covered by Cubs Care and the Cal Ripken Foundation.
 - The group recognizes that two fields would likely cost over \$1.5 million and feel confident about fundraising capabilities. Felt timeline could be

“accelerated.” HPAC reminded the group that the Chicago Park District does not allow advertising and naming rights must be approved by CPD.

- Deb mentioned and group familiar with a softball family who wants to make a large donation to honor the memory of their daughter that may be able to fold into funding for this project.
- Project would involve demolishing current fields, grading, and 18 inches of soil removal -- which HPAC explained is probably contaminated, making disposal more costly. Plan shows turf infield to grass outfield, chain link fencing for perimeter protection, concrete curb for bleachers, players, spectators. The project would not include lights at this time.
- HPAC advised that it would like to see public meetings held to gather community feedback and offered to help coordinate/host.
- A question was raised regarding the need for concrete; crushed limestone was discussed as a potential alternative.
- A question was raised regarding who would maintain the fields. Needs to be further researched and coordinated.
- It was noted that the current mode of scheduling fields would still be in effect.
- Recognition of the limited lifespan of turf fields and need for future replacement.
- HPAC members present were generally supportive of developing the idea further.
- **Ecuadorian Festival (August 13-14):**
 - Status is uncertain. Permit application has not been submitted to or approved by the Chicago Park District.

Old Business:

- **Horner BrewFest:**
 - Will be held July 15. Hoping for the front lawn again.
 - Diane motioned to approve request for up to \$3,000 for initial expenditures related to event planning, including but not limited to insurance and permitting costs. Erica seconded. All in favor. The motion carried.
 - Next BrewFest meeting will be held on April 11. The committee is looking for more volunteers/planning committee members.

Announcements:

- None.

Motion to Adjourn:

Jay motioned to adjourn; Diane seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be May 4 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday May 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Attendees:

Daniel Honigman
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Diane Sutliff
Alan Mueller
Sarah Bethel (Spark Montessori)
Stacy Niemiec (Spark Montessori)
David Post (HPNWLL)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Review of April 2022 Minutes:

- Peter motioned to approve minutes. Daniel seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- There were two major expenditures in April: one was for Concerts promotional materials, and the other was for DFA promotional materials.
- Financial reports will be distributed under separate cover.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
 - No update on either the grant or the planting status.
 - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
 - No update; all work has been completed. The contractor has not been scheduled.
 - **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - No update.
 - **312 RiverRun Event:**
 - \$1500 worth of sponsor support has been obtained to date

- Participants will sign up to run on Brown Paper Tickets; the page will be created soon. (Early Bird pricing is \$15 for kids and \$25 for adults; prices will go up to \$20 and \$35 afterwards. Kids are free.)
 - About 40 volunteers will be needed for the event in various functions.
 - There will be an afterparty for the event at Burning Bush Brewery, starting at 11am.
- **Mobile Makers:**
 - No update.
- **Playground Surface:**
 - There was a determination that the Chicago Park District policy is to use fibar, and not rubber.
- **Water Line Excavations:**
 - No update.
- **Fieldhouse Area Shrub Pruning:**
 - There are large shrubs around the southwest of the Fieldhouse; Sarah and Stacy from Spark Montessori to ask Deb if they can turn pruning into a project.
- **Exercise Stations and Benches:**
 - Peter connected with Maria Stone; and it was determined that the initial estimates of \$50,000 may not have included benches. Additional details are pending, based on the response from Maria.
 - An idea was discussed to raise additional funds for benches through a sponsorship program.
- **Other:**
 - It appeared that one of the lights near the tennis court (near Montrose and Manor) was undergoing maintenance. Peter to follow up with Deb.
 - The area near the Henry Horner monument looks great. Thanks to Bogdan for his efforts.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - No report.
- **Jacob's Playlot:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Garden:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- Ongoing maintenance continues. No build update.
- The Earth Day cleanup event was a success. We beautified the dog park and raised another \$1,000 for spring improvements.
- We are about 80% of the way to the \$5,000 goal, thanks in part to a \$500 match offer from the Bailey-Brown family.
- The DFA will have new fibar laid in early May.
- Hoping to plan an in-person summer fundraiser. Details to be confirmed.

- Some discussion of safety cones to be placed over the water hazards (e.g., buffalo box, shutoff). Four cones would be needed.
- Peter has completed the thank you letters for the DFA donations.

Stewardship Committee:

- **Earth Day Report:**
 - The Horner Park Advisory Council staged Earth Day clean ups in all five HPAC-advised parks on Saturday, April 23.
 - Tali Gorovoy reports Horner Park focused on litter cleanup with seven volunteers.
 - Ravenswood Manor Park under John O'Connell engaged in mulching trees, cleaning litter and gardens with 19 volunteers (including six children). Many of the daffodil bulbs planted around parkway trees last fall have sprouted.
 - Peter Schlossman reports Buffalo Park saw cleaned gardens and planters, and he and Sara Zimmerman prepared beds with seven volunteers. New daffodils are also evident.
 - Bea Tersch reports Jacob Park had 20 adults and 10 children to clean up, and two days later spread soil and seed/mesh on the barren hill.
 - Luke Ross directed Sunken Gardens efforts to spread mulch on Friday April 22 with several volunteers, including help from Jacob Park stewards. On Saturday morning, the main job was to smooth out the piles of mulch that were deposited though out the park. A woman from Ravenswood Gardens came by to help finish the job.
- **River Day (May 14):**
 - Bea is organizing a River Day effort on May 14 at Jacob. Plans are to clean up trash, cut grapevines, and to tarp over some weeds.
 - John Friedmann is organizing a River Day cleanup at Horner on May 14 as well. He put in an order for mulch.
- **It's Your Park Day (May 21):**
 - Peter and Sara plan to mulch Buffalo Park on It's Your Park Day.
 - Horner Park is TBD for May 21 and other days, with Tali as steward.
- **Other:**
 - John O'Connell and Sara Zimmerman will meet soon to decide what plants will be needed for May plantings for Ravenswood and Buffalo Parks.
 - Bea would like more CPD grass seeding on the hill at Jacob, due to some erosion.
 - There is continued concern over renegade paths and illegal dog walking on the river path.
 - John O'Connell made a motion for up to \$500 for plant materials (including fall bulbs) for Manor and Buffalo parks. Alan Mueller seconded. None opposed. The motion passed.

Concerts Committee:

- The committee is hard at work on this season's shows; the first concert is May 20.
Upcoming schedule:
 - **5/20:** Fortunate Sons (CCR)
 - **6/10:** Hōkūle'a
 - **6/24:** Second Hand News (Fleetwood Mac)
 - **7/8:** The Waco Brothers
 - **7/22:** Pat Mallinger and Urban Soul
 - **7/24:** Narloch Piano Recital
 - **8/5:** The Mary Jane Breakdown (Tom Petty)
 - **8/19:** Le Ballet Petit Recital
 - **9/9:** The Old Town School of Folk Music presents Jess McIntosh & Aaron Smith (Americana/bluegrass)
- We are getting closer to our funding goal for this year – but still not there. Please pass the word to anyone and everyone for subscriptions and sponsors! Many thanks to Chris Moran and John O'Connell for their work on sponsorships.
- The program book will be finished late this week; it's not too late to get an ad in or subscribe to get your name in the book.

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- No update.

Farmers Market Committee:

- The Horner Park Farmers Market is excited to open this year for its eighth season! It has typically run from the first weekend of June to the first weekend of October; this season, by popular request, we have added two additional markets. Our 20-market season will be each Saturday from June 4 through October 15. We have many of your favorite farms and vendors returning this season, as well as some exciting NEW farms and vendors joining our community. We cannot wait to see you on Saturday, June 4!
- **Musician stipend:**
 - The Horner Park Farmers Market Committee would like to offer a stipend of \$100 to each week's musical performers as a small token of our appreciation for their talents. In our previous seasons, all music has been performed for free.
 - As there will be 20 markets this season, the cost to offer the music stipend in 2022 would be a maximum of \$2,000. The stipend would be provided via Venmo or check.
 - Diane motions to approve the donation of \$100 per market for each musician. Daniel seconded. All in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Communications Committee:

- The backdrop for the Manor Park board was completed. Amy submitted \$20 to Diane for printing reimbursement.
- Emails for the concert and stewardship committees were sent out in April. Friendly reminder for all committee leads to please give Amy a week's notice for emails, and to send all content (written and photos) along with the date they would like it sent out.
- Facebook posts for concerts and Earth Day events went live. Amy is working on setting up Facebook event pages for each concert.
- The River Run committee will be reaching out for a post to go live on the Horner Park website.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through March 2022 have been posted on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

New Business:

- None.

Old Business:

- **Softball turf fields:**
 - No update.
- **Ecuadorian Festival (August 13-14):**
 - The Chicago Park District will be approving the festival.

Announcements:

- Chicago River Day (May 14)
- It's Your Parks Day (May 21)

Motion to Adjourn:

John O. motioned to adjourn; Alan seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be June 1 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday June 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Attendees:

Erica Beutler
Tali Gorovoy
Deb Groh
Gretchen Helmreich
Daniel Honigman
Emily Lorenz
Jay Lyon
Kiala Moore
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Alan Mueller
Carl Beien (Gross Park Advisory Council)
Bob Brunson (Lane Tech Boosters)
David Post (HPNWLL)
Lola Post (HPNWLL)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Review of May 2022 Minutes:

- Jay motioned to approve minutes. Daniel seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- Funds continue to arrive for Concerts, and the first disbursements have been made to artists.
- Funds have come in for the re-mulching of the DFA, and those invoices have been paid.
- Funds have come in for the 312 River Run.
- Financial reports will be distributed under separate cover to HPAC members.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
 - The mound project has been fully funded, with a large grant from Earth Chicago (CPAC as lead partner)
 - Planting should start in June
 - The 312 underpass will be reseeded with native plants
 - The Earth Mound will not be open to the public until 2023, as it takes some time for the planting to take hold
 - The American Indian Center has withdrawn support for the project.
 - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
 - Sean got final budget estimates and is working with the contractor to finalize small design changes. Work will hopefully start soon.
 - Plans are for trees to be trimmed to make the space safer, and to take advantage of the water pooling seasonally at the north end of the space
 - Budget to be finalized (as of this writing)
 - **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - Deb spoke with Gary about it; the initial estimate of \$2,500 still stands; further discussion was tabled
 - **312 RiverRun Event:**
 - The event will be held on Saturday, June 25 at 10am.
 - About 60 people have signed up so far for the event
 - The volunteer signup is live.
 - Collateral for events and announcements should be sent to Kiala Moore for additional circulation/promotion across the Chicago Park District Area Managers
 - **Walking Path Repair/Replacement:**
 - No update; may start in Fall 2022.
 - **Mobile Makers/New Involvement:**
 - No update.
 - **Water Line Excavations:**
 - No update.
 - **Fieldhouse Area Shrub Pruning:**
 - Deb said she will put in a request to prune the large shrubs around the southwest of the Fieldhouse
 - **Exercise Stations and Benches:**
 - No update.
 - **Other:**
 - There is one dead maple tree at the corner of California and Berteau, by the park entrance.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - One light is damaged; John O. reached out to Deb for repairs.

- **Jacob's Playlot:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Garden:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Farmers Market Committee:

- The eighth season of the Farmer's Market is starting on Saturday, June 4, and will continue through October 15. The market will run from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Other HPAC committees will be providing materials to promote at the market table

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- Regular maintenance continues. Fresh fibar was laid in big dog area on May 12.
- A hose and pools were put out during Memorial Day weekend.
- In-ground water boxes were painted red and flagged.
- **Build update:** The DFA was told that the manufacturer would be brought in to address the water feature issues at the end of June. No response yet on the low spot that is collecting water.
- One of four spouts on water fountain running continuously. The DFA was told that still flushing lines.
- The DFA committee is hoping to host an in-person summer fundraiser of some sort. More details to be confirmed.
- The \$5,000 fundraising goal has been reached

Stewardship Committee:

- **River Day report:**
 - John Friedmann captained a River Day event at Horner Park on May 14. Approximately 25 volunteers were in attendance
- **Other:**
 - Buffalo Park had a weed and mulch stewardship day on May 21.
 - Extra mulch that was delivered to Manor Park is being distributed; additional mulch was also delivered to Sunken Gardens Park.
 - There will be a Horner Park cleanup day on June 18, organized by Tali Gorovoy.

Concerts Committee:

- Concerts series is underway; the next show is June 10 (Hōkūle‘a) at Ravenswood Manor Park, sponsored by the Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association (RMIA).
- The July 8 show (The Waco Brothers) was included in a Time Out Chicago article featuring park shows.
- Collections are almost complete.
- The committee is looking into extra lighting.
- Deb commented that power will be available for Jacob Playlot on September 9
- Additional volunteers are needed for putting up and taking down lights for shows; shows run from 7-9 p.m.
- The program book has been completed, and will be sent out to subscribers and sponsors
- Jay will request social media posts to promote upcoming shows

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- The BrewFest will be on July 15.

Communications Committee:

- No update.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through April 2022 have been posted on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

New Business:

- **New Area Manager:**
 - The Horner Park Advisory Council welcomes the new Area Manager, Kiala Moore
- **Fractal burner expense:**
 - John O. made a motion to approve up to \$350 for a fractal burner. Peter seconded. All were in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.
- **Motorcycles:**
 - Kids on motorcycles have been seen around the park. If they are spotted, please contact the police and flag for Deb.

Old Business:

- **Softball turf fields:**
 - Bob presented a proposal to Cubs Charities for a \$300K grant to redo fields #7 and #8 (e.g., turf, backstops, etc.); initial budget of \$696K, not including professional fees and additional donations.
 - HPAC expressed concerns about the use of the fields for softball only; the Park District expressed prior interest in the fields being marked for baseball as well.
 - HPAC also raised questions about the following:
 - Where equipment would be stored
 - Privatization of the fields (i.e., ensuring fields remain open to the public)
 - Height/placement of bleachers
 - Whether outfield would be turfed
 - Ongoing maintenance would be required; additional lighting may be required
 - Construction could be completed over the winter.
 - Fields would need to be replaced every 7-15 years, depending on use.
 - Bob to re-send proposal.
 - Bob confirmed no public forum for feedback has been hosted to date; HPAC suggested hosting a public meeting the week of July 25; feedback from the meeting would be considered by HPAC when forming its position
- **Ecuadorian Festival (August 13-14):**
 - The Chicago Park District has approved the festival.

Announcements:

- There is a new music instructor

Motion to Adjourn:

Daniel motioned to adjourn; Erica seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be July 6 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday July 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Attendees:

Erica Beutler
John Friedmann
Deb Groh
Daniel Honigman
Amy Jahnke
Peter Schlossman
Diane Sutliff
Carlton Jones (Illinois Little League)
David Post (HPNWLL)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Review of June 2022 Minutes:

- Erica motioned to approve the minutes; Diane seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- Reports were distributed under separate cover to HPAC members.
- Funds continue to arrive for Farmer's Market, DFA, and Concerts, as well as income for the new River Run and this year's BrewFest.
- We have had an incident of check pilfering from Diane's front door, so handoffs of checks might be more tightly controlled in the future. Please contact her with questions or to flag any anomalies.
- The search continues for a CPA to assist in filing the Form 990 document. Please refer any accountant contacts to Diane for consideration.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
 - Mound planting was delayed but may occur in the fall for cooler weather.

- **Underpass Planting:**
 - The 312 underpass planting has been completed.
- **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
 - No update.
- **Exercise Stations and Benches:**
 - A request was placed with the 33rd Ward office for additional funding to account for recent price increases; there has been no response to date.
- **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - Diane made a motion for HPAC to spend up to \$2,500 for the water bottle filler equipment and installation. (Additional costs – such as labor maintenance – are to be determined at a later date.) John F. seconded. All were in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.
- **312 RiverRun Event Report:**
 - There were 300+ event registrants; roughly 250 runners attended.
 - Financial report to follow.
 - Thanks to all volunteers who participated.
- **Walking Path Repair/Replacement:**
 - No update; may start in Fall 2022.
- **Fieldhouse Area Shrub Pruning:**
 - Bogdan to explore bushes/shrubs that could be planted in that space.
- **Lane Tech Softball Booster Club turf softball fields proposal:**
 - HPAC will look to schedule a public meeting in August. Date is TBD.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - No report.
- **Jacob Playlot Park:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Gardens:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Farmer's Market Committee:

- No updates, other than attendance being excellent to date this season.
- Please direct questions to farmersmarket@hornerpark.org.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- **Dog Wash Trailer:**
 - The dog wash trailer was placed on lawn in front of the DFA without notice to or approval from DFAC/HPAC or Deb, among others. The committee requested its removal, and it was removed. (The DFAC thanks Deb for her follow-up.)
- **Other:**
 - Ongoing maintenance continues.
 - The DFA has gone through a few pools already. The water fountain is still running.

- The spray feature manufacturer is not coming for on-site repair now. The DFA Committee requested a meeting to sort out plans to finish the build.
- The DFA Committee will host a table at the Farmer's Market on July 23 and October 15. (The DFAC thanks Gretchen.)
- The DFA received an anonymous offer for a \$1,000 donation; the DFA is considering its use as a match offer and/or other ways to use it.
- The DFA Committee will host a fundraising event on Thursday August 4th from 6-9pm at Burning Bush Brewery and wants to do another online auction this Fall.

Stewardship Committee:

- The Chicago Association of Realtors was at Horner Park on Tuesday, June 14 from 10am-12pm for a stewardship event. They installed fibar in the playground. HPAC thanks CAR for its efforts.
- Sara Zimmerman has completed Buffalo Park plantings and submitted receipts.
- Pam and Conoly Shirley, who live near Buffalo Park have agreed to water the planters and corner gardens this season.
- John O'Connell and Jeff Young added more branches to the path fence at Ravenswood Manor Park. Jeff and Esther Young have been watering Manor Park this season.
- John O'Connell replaced a pilfered begonia at Manor Park.
- The Ravenswood Manor Park kiosk requires maintenance.
- The 33rd Ward wants to enlist HPAC to join in a park and neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, July 23. Our participation is TBD.
 - HPAC is generally in support but suggested connecting with Maria Stone to coordinate efforts (e.g., getting the Chicago Park District waivers signed).
 - Tali Gorovoy plans to stage a Horner Park cleanup on Saturday, July 16. HPAC discussed participating in the 33rd Ward event.

Concerts Committee:

- Attendance at this year's concerts has been good to date.
- There was an electrical issue at the last show at Manor Park; Deb has the Chicago Parks Department looking into it.

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- The BrewFest will be on July 15.
- Costs have increased roughly 33% from 2019 prices.

Communications Committee:

- The Committee has a series of email blasts queued up to go for the concert series.
- Occasionally monitoring Facebook for park-related questions and answering as needed.
- Amy will be out of town July 11-25, and unable to send or post anything during that time.

- The Facebook password issue was resolved; Lisa Cleveland had the stewardship email address associated with her personal account and was trying to change her personal password. Lisa and she has removed the HPAC email address from her account.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through May 2022 have been posted on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

New Business:

- The Horner Park and Ravenswood Manor Clean & Green will be on July 23.
- There was a fire in the Horner Park Fieldhouse elevator; most of what was in the preschool room had to be thrown out due to damage.

Old Business:

- The fractal burner was installed.

Announcements:

- There will be a visioning session on July 12 at 7pm at DePaul Prep to discuss opportunities for the site.

Motion to Adjourn:

Erica motioned to adjourn; Amy seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be August 3 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday August 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Attendees:

Bob Brobson
Grace Stella Brobson
Daniel Honigman
Amy Jahnke
Jay Lyon
Mary Martin
Chris Moran
Alan Mueller
Stacy Niemiec (Spark Montessori)
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Diane Sutliff

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Review of July 2022 Minutes:

- Amy motioned to approve minutes. Daniel seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- Lots of activity this month with funds arriving and expenses going out for RiverRun, BrewFest, Farmer's Market, and DFA (Dog Friendly Area). Funds received through PayPal, Venmo and Square; admission contributions through Brown Paper Tickets (BPT) and Eventbrite; as well as by direct deposits to the bank.
- The HPAC checking account was defrauded by an unknown person charging personal household expenses. Fifth Third Bank will credit HPAC us for those expenses, as well as for the reimbursement check that was fraudulently deposited.
- Diane opened a new checking account and swept almost all the funds to the safety of the new account. Once the final outstanding checks clear the bank, she will close that old account. Since banking information cannot be changed on the current PayPal account, it will soon be closed.
- Kevin is updating the HPAC donation webpage to accept funds in other ways
- Reports to be distributed under separate cover to HPAC members.

- P&L was revised to show shifting of BPT from BrewFest to RiverRun; however, this does not change the Treasurer's Report for DFA and Concerts.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **Northwest Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
 - No report; there was some discussion about bidding for landscape installation in the fall.
 - **Underpass Planting:**
 - No update.
 - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
 - No update.
 - **Exercise Stations and Benches:**
 - No update.
 - **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - No update.
 - **Walking Path Repair/Replacement:**
 - HPAC received a query for landscape swale done in conjunction with the walking path repair/replacement.
 - **Fieldhouse Area Shrub Pruning:**
 - The shrubs were trimmed back.
 - **Lane Tech Softball Booster Club turf softball fields proposal:**
 - HPAC will look to schedule a public meeting prior to the Chicago Park District, potentially in the last two weeks of August (w/o 8/22 and 8/29).
 - There was concern about how turf fields would fit into the existing park landscape.
 - It was noted that Lane Tech students would also be available to volunteer for additional park programming.
 - A copy of the latest plans will be posted with these minutes on the HPAC website. (Addendum: The plans [are linked here](#).)
 - **HPNWLL Complaint:**
 - A complaint was brought to HPAC's attention and was briefly discussed.
 - **Other:**
 - Two trees were downed in severe weather on August 3.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - **Kiosk Maintenance:**
 - The bulletin board requires some maintenance; it was suggested that it is stained to match the pergola. John O. suggested it as a future stewardship event.
 - **Other:**
 - The two old fashioned lights along Francisco are lit 24/7, and the one by the water fountain is not working. John requested those lights be fixed.
 - There was a request to cut a large bush on the west sidewalk, left gate; Chris and John O. to explore options.
 - The current Manor Park stewards will be unable to water the next few months. John O. to water, and Amy will put out a call for volunteers on Facebook for additional help.

- Chris requested trash cans be consolidated into one location.
- **Jacob Playlot Park:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Gardens:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- The BrewFest was successful; a full report will be in the next meeting.
- John F. and Peter want to meet with Kiala and Deb to debrief.

Concerts Committee:

- At the July 8 Waco Brothers show at Horner Park, HPAC revealed the new name for the concert series: The John O'Connell Concert Series, presented by the Horner Park Advisory Council. There was a terrific crowd at Horner Park, about 500-600 people, and Horner Park was a great backdrop for the show.
 - John O. read a statement thanking HPAC for the Concert Series naming honor. His statement [is available here](#).
- There are three more shows in this year's series:
 - **August 5 at Manor Park:** The Mary Jane Breakdown (Tom Petty music)
 - **August 19 at Manor Park:** Le Ballet Petit's recital
 - **September 9 at Jacob Playlot Park:** Jess McIntosh & Aaron Smith (the Old Town School of Folk Music show)
- The Committee still needs assistance at shows, mainly in the form of setting up/taking down lights when needed, but also with announcements and more. Currently Jay Lyon and Chris Moran are doing all the shows, but they need additional volunteers to provide relief. Anyone who would like to help should contact Jay Lyon at jay@lyoncommunications.com.
- The Committee might send attendees a survey after the season to gather feedback.
- The electrical issues that impacted the recent Manor Park show have been fixed.

Farmer's Market Committee:

- We are about halfway through the 2022 season. This weekend is market #10 of 20 markets. We run through October 15 this year. Attendance continues to be good.
- The market has had several new vendors this year, including ice cream recently. Overall, it has been a good season.
- Please contact farmersmarket@hornerpark.org with any questions or comments.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- Ongoing maintenance continues.

- A build meeting was held August 3 to discuss the remaining work.
 - The Chicago Park District feels it has gone as far as it can to make the current solar/battery operated water feature system work and cannot solve the outstanding issues. It will explore what is required to get electricity there and circle back with us. The current plumbing and water features are all useable; there just needs to be a reliable power source. Unfortunately, there is not a close source to tap, so it would have to do some trenching. It would take out the current bollard activator and controller and replace it with a foot pedal activator and timer system that they have used in other park spray areas.
 - Timing and cost to complete the work are to be determined.
- The July 23 Farmer's Market table went well; there will be another on October 15.
- The DFA Committee will host a fundraising event on Thursday August 4th from 6-9pm at Burning Bush Brewery; online ticket sales were capped at 100 and are now closed; limited tickets (about 25) will be available the day of the event.
- The Calendar Contest will kick off at the end of August.

Stewardship Committee:

- Tali captained the Clean & Green event for Horner Park and Ravenswood Manor Neighborhood with the 33rd Ward Office on Saturday, July 23.
 - All parts of the park (with surrounding intersections) were covered; but there were not enough participants to send to Manor Park. (Around 10 people attended.)
 - The 33rd Ward office expressed interest in co-hosting more frequent cleanups.
- The Horner Park front garden was weeded.
- Parts of Buffalo Park may require some weeding.
- Someone installed a swing in one of the trees near the sled hill; HPAC will inform Deb so it can be removed.
- HPAC will host a cleanup event in October. More details to come.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Communications Committee:

- The calendar on the HPAC website must be updated; Amy will be working on it.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through June 2022 have been posted on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

New Business:

- None.

Old Business:

- None.

Announcements:

- A special thanks to all the park staff, volunteers, committee chairs and members and who put in an extraordinary effort to make this July the most successful month in recent Horner Park memory.

Motion to Adjourn:

John O. motioned to adjourn; Jay seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be September 7 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday September 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Attendees:

Daniel Honigman
Amy Jahnke
Alan Mueller
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Deb Groh (Chicago Park District)
Sarah Bethel (Spark Montessori)
Carlton Jones (HPNWLL)
David Post (HPNWLL)
Lola Post (HPNWLL)
Bob Brobson (Lane Softball Boosters)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Review of August 2022 Minutes:

- Amy motioned to approve the minutes. John O. seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- We completed the transition to a new bank account, after addressing several fraudulent charges.
- We have opened a new PayPal account under treasurer@hornerpark.org. The old one will technically remain open due to PayPal policy, but HPAC will no longer accept contributions there.
- The final numbers for Summer Concerts, Brewfest and RiverRun will be summarized in the Financial Reports to follow, which will be sent under separate cover.
- HPAC would like to thank Diane for her tireless efforts in getting this addressed.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **Lane Tech Softball Booster Club turf softball fields proposal:**
 - HPAC hosted a public meeting at the Horner Park Fieldhouse on 8/23. Peter sent minutes from the meeting under separate cover.
 - Roughly 60 people attended, including four HPAC voting members.
 - Several topics were discussed, including turf, maintenance costs, playing/practice schedules, weather/climate impact, positioning of batting cage, dugouts, restrooms, future commitment, impact to field accessibility (e.g., field size) given the proposed changes (e.g., mounds, baselines), HPAC oversight, budget estimates, impact to park.
 - Bob made a motion for HPAC to write a letter of support for the current proposal as is and has been presented. Amy seconded the motion.
 - There was one vote in support, three opposed and one abstained. The motion was rejected.
 - Potential modifications suggested by HPAC include using an alternative to artificial turf and updating the field dimensions.
 - Next steps are to be determined.
 - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
 - Fencing and additional work has been completed; some work remains.
 - Once ready, a "build" event may be held.
 - **Exercise Stations and Benches:**
 - Additional funding has been secured from the 33rd Ward office; however, time is running out this year for further improvements.
 - **Walking Path Repair/Replacement:**
 - The path has been outlined, possibly indicating work in progress.
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
 - No update.
 - **Underpass Planting:**
 - No update.
 - **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - No update.
 - **Other:**
 - Deb will be bringing back Turkey Trot; she requested from \$150-\$300. John O. made a motion for HPAC to allocate up to \$300 for Turkey. Amy seconded. All in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - **Kiosk Maintenance:**
 - No update.
 - **Other:**
 - John O. has been watering; he trimmed down overgrowth at Eastwood
 - The tire swing is broken, and a request has been made for its repair
 - The old-fashioned lights have been fixed.

- **Jacob Playlot Park:**
 - Jay asked to get an electrical outlet for concerts; Deb put in the request a while ago but recently followed up with another electrician. It should be ready to go in time for the September 9 concert.
- **Sunken Gardens:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Farmer's Market Committee:

- No report.

Concerts Committee:

- We have our last show of the season September 9 at Jacob Playlot Park. It is the first show at Jacob, so HPAC is excited to activate another park for music. This is the Old Town School of Folk Music's show, with Jess McIntosh and Aaron Smith. Their music is described as "Americana."
- Anyone who would like to volunteer at future concerts should contact Jay Lyon at jay@lyoncommunications.com.

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- John F. requests funds to go towards ash tree treatment. The cost would be roughly \$6,600 to treat the 70 ash trees.
- John O. made a motion for HPAC to allocate up to the cost of the treatment. Alan seconded. All were in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.
- John F. and Peter still want to debrief Kiala and Deb.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- **Fundraising:**
 - The Burning Bush Event on August 4th went well. There was a great turnout, and the event raised more than \$3,500.
 - The Calendar Contest is in the voting phase; the DFA hopes to have calendars available for sale online in October and at the Farmers Market on October 15.
 - The DFA is considering a Howl-O-Ween event at Stay on October 29th.
- **Build and Maintenance:**
 - No build update.
 - Ongoing maintenance continues; the DFA is considering large stones as additional landscaping and water management around the spray pool area.

Stewardship Committee:

- John O'Connell will organize a fall prep day at Manor Park in October, likely on Saturday October 15 from 9am-12pm; the final date is to be determined.

Communications Committee:

- Facebook posts were published about the softball field proposal and alerting folks to the Guatemalan parade closures.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through July 2022 have been posted on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).
- The calendar would be updated.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

New Business:

- **Ruby Cleaners development proposal:**
 - The owner wants to redevelop and rezone the Ruby Cleaners lot.
- A recent stargazing event, sponsored by Joe Guzman was held at Horner Park recently.

Old Business:

- The Ecuadorian Festival was originally scheduled for August 13-14 but was cancelled.

Announcements:

- None.

Motion to Adjourn:

Daniel motioned to adjourn; Alan seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be October 5 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday October 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Attendees:

Amy Jahnke
Alan Mueller
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Deb Groh (Chicago Park District)
Sarah Bethel (Spark Montessori)
Stacy Niemiec (Spark Montessori)
Carlton Jones (HPNWLL)
David Post (HPNWLL)
Lola Post (HPNWLL)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Review of September 2022 Minutes:

- Amy motioned to approve the September minutes. Carlton seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- Final financial reports for the fiscal year-end will be first circulated with committee heads (Concerts, DFA, BrewFest, Farmer's Market committees) for scrutiny, and then with the wider HPAC community. Please note there were changes to the reports for August, and those changes will be reflected in the year-end reports.
- Financial reports will be distributed under separate cover.
- The Secretary of State Non-for-Profit annual corporation has been filed and paid online.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **Nature Play Space:**
 - This is about finished, except for plantings. Deb heard many people respond positively to it as they walk by! Thanks to Eric and Sean for their efforts. The robots in particular draw lots of kids in.
 - Loose Parts party palooza and bonfire event at the Nature Play Space. This will be on October 25, from 3:30-7pm. Loose Parts @ 3:30, Bonfire at 5pm. All are welcome, bring a picnic dinner.
 - John made a motion for Deb to spend up to \$100 for the party (i.e., to purchase marshmallows and cocoa). Amy seconded. Motion passes.

- **Exercise Equipment Update:**
 - We have \$30,000 more committed from the 33rd Ward office. This is in addition to the previous \$45,000 from participatory budgeting. A Park District project manager was assigned; Deb is waiting to hear from him.
- **Walking Path Repair:**
 - The project manager and contractors have been working on getting everything going with permits, etc. We are waiting to hear back from the project manager regarding a start date. The whole path is not being replaced, just the places that need repairing.
- **Coiled Serpent Update:**
 - Looking like this will be planted in the spring.
- **Underpass Planting:**
 - Planting was completed; Lauren is pleased with progress.
- **Bottle Filler:**
 - In progress.
- **Turkey Trot:**
 - The one-mile run will be held Saturday, November 19 at 9am. Wooden turkeys and medals made by the community wood shop class will be used. Funds are approved; Deb may use them for snacks/beverages.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - **Kiosk Maintenance:**
 - HPAC requested that the park have someone stain the kiosk.
 - Thanks to the park for fixing the broken tire swing.
 - Fall cleanup is planned (see below).
- **Jacob Playlot Park:**
 - No fall cleanup is planned.
- **Sunken Gardens:**
 - No fall cleanup is planned.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - A fall cleanup event is planned (see below).

Farmer's Market Committee:

- There are two markets left; the market is going well and is well-attended.

Concerts Committee:

- The September 9 show to end the season at Jacob Park went well, and we are excited to have a new park as part of the series. Thanks to Deb Groh and the Park District for making electricity available at Jacob, and to Dana Dougherty for her help with the show.
- The committee is finishing a survey that will go out soon.
- Want to volunteer at future concerts? Contact Jay Lyon: jay@lyoncommunications.com.

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- Ash trees have been treated with funds raised from the BrewFest.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- **Fundraising:**
 - The calendar is out for production and will be on sale at the Farmer's Market on October 15 and through the DFA online store.
 - The committee will be hosting a Howl-O-Ween event with Stay on October 22, from 11am-3pm. The costume parade will end at Burning Bush Brewery.
 - There will be a fall giving match campaign for Giving Tuesday.
- **Build and Maintenance:**
 - The pools and hose are down as hard-surface areas will be pressure washed this week. The committee anticipates the Park District will turn off the water soon.
 - The gate repair request was submitted July 27th to CPD. It still awaits repair.
 - Usual cleanups and checks are ongoing. The committee will continue to work to relocate the mulch buildup from the south end to the center of the DFA.

Stewardship Committee:

- There will be fall prep stewardship events at Horner Park on Saturday 10/8, and at Buffalo and Manor parks on Saturday 10/15. Eventbrite pages were set up for each.
- A bench was reported as broken at Manor Park; a repair request was submitted.
- A bench is broken at Horner Park, it has been reported.

Communications Committee:

- The Google Calendar was updated and shared with relevant parties who can directly update the calendar with their events

Website Committee:

- Minutes through August 2022 have been posted on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

New Business:

- There will be a 312 RiverRun meeting in late November. The date is to be determined.
- John O. wants HPAC to think about improving the memorial area at Horner Park.

Old Business:

- There has been no update about the softball fields.

Announcements:

- The Bonfire and Loose Parts Palooza Party will be October 25, from 5-7pm.

Motion to Adjourn:

Alan motioned to adjourn at 7:51; John O. seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be November 2 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday November 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Attendees:

Erica Beutler
Daniel Honigman
Larry Hodak
Amy Jahnke
Alan Mueller
Peter Schlossman
Sarah Bethel (Spark Montessori)
Carlton Jones (HPNWLL)
David Post (HPNWLL)
Lola Post (HPNWLL)
Deb Groh (Chicago Park District)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Review of October 2022 Minutes:

- Daniel motioned to approve the September minutes. Erica seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- There was little activity in the HPAC accounts this month except for the DFA (Dog Friendly Area) fundraiser. Financial reports will follow under separate cover.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **Nature Play Space:**
 - Bonfire and Loose Parts Palooza Party: The event went well, despite the short notice; there were around 100 attendees throughout the evening.
 - It was noticed during the event setup that someone stole three tree stumps; those stumps will be replaced.
 - **Exercise Equipment Progress:**

- Deb is waiting for information from the Chicago Park District (the recently appointed project manager left); the designer is hoping to send plans soon. Unfortunately, costs may go up; the new amount is TBD.
- **Walking Path Repair:**
 - The repair has started in the main parking lot; the fenced-off area will be for staging and will be closed for a while. They are working on the parkway and pathway until the weather no longer permits. It will be completed in the spring. (The parking lot will likely be closed in the winter.)
- **Bottle Filler:**
 - In progress.
- **Elevator Repair:**
 - The current estimate is that it will be completed in several months.
- **Lathe Bases for Wood Shop:**
 - Eric requested two lathe bases at roughly \$50 apiece. Diane made a motion to approve the expenditure of roughly \$110 for them. Alan seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.
- **Turkey Trot:**
 - The one-mile run will be held Saturday, November 19 at 9am.
 - Erica made a motion for up to \$100 to be spent on candy and prizes. Peter seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.
 - Deb to reach out to Go Run about getting participant email addresses.
 - Amy made a motion via email after the meeting to spend up to \$200 for the event due to increased attendance; Diane seconded. All were in favor, with none opposed. The motion passed.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - **Kiosk maintenance:**
 - Deb will put in a request to stain the kiosk this winter.
- **Jacob Playlot Park:**
 - There seems to be an abundance of toys scattered on the ground, which may prevent maintenance (e.g., mowing).
- **Sunken Gardens**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Farmer's Market Committee:

- We were sold out for 70% of the season and had a wait list for available market spaces. Attendance was up overall. Our vendors reported that sales were up. Our new vendors were happy and interested in coming back.
- We made a few changes this year. We extended our market season by 2 weeks, holding 20 markets this season instead of our usual 18. We offered a stipend to our musicians.

- Kudos to Gretchen and the Farmer's Market Committee members for making the 2022 season awesome. This market could not happen without their time and energy, and we are grateful for them.
- The full 2022 season-end report was sent under separate cover.

Concerts Committee:

- The Concerts Committee distributed a survey and received a handful of responses. We will take the feedback under advisement as we determine the next steps.
- We are still looking for a few people to help with next year's shows, mainly with passing out the books and setting up lights at shows. Contact Jay Lyon at jay@lyoncommunications.com to learn more and volunteer.
- Next season we will have our first Grammy-winning artist – stay tuned for details.
- The committee does not intend to purchase a new PA for HPAC. We will use a sound engineer who provides the equipment and is trained to use it correctly. Running audio is a skill and using a professional makes for a better show for both the audience and the artist. (Buying a system of the caliber of the one that we've been enjoying for the past two years would also be cost-prohibitive.)

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- No report.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- **Fundraising:**
 - The Howl-O-Ween party was a success, raising more than \$1,200 for the DFA.
 - Calendar sales kicked off and will continue through the end of the year.
 - The DFA will run an end-of-year capital campaign, with a \$1,000 donor match.
- **Build and Maintenance:**
 - The front gate latch was repaired.
 - No word on plan or costs to bring electricity to make fountains operational.
 - Regular maintenance continues with discussion around spring mulching.

Stewardship Committee:

- Tali Gorovoy organized a cleanup at Horner Park on October 8.
- John O'Connell organized a cleanup and bulb planting at Ravenswood Manor Park on October 15. Parts of the branch fence were improved.
- Peter Schlossman and Sara Zimmerman organized a bulb planting and garden preparation day at Buffalo Park on October 15.
- Tali Gorovoy has informed us of an impending move and will no longer be engaged at Horner Park. She hopes to channel her incredible desire and energy towards Grant Park, nearer to her new home. We wish Tali well and thank her for her efforts.

- Larry Hodak has offered to do some stewardship for the east side of Manor Park.
- Ceriale Memorial upgrades were discussed.

Communications Committee:

- Set up a Facebook event for Loose Parts/ Nature Play space party. The event date was changed with one day's notice, so a new Facebook event was created and shared with neighborhood Facebook groups.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through September 2022 have been posted on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

Nominating Committee:

- Report sent under separate cover.

New Business:

- Strategic planning meeting: Mid-January to February timeframe.
- Erica suggested exploring a car charging station. HPAC will determine the Chicago Park District policy.

Old Business:

- There has been no update about the softball fields.
- There will be a 312 RiverRun meeting in late November. The date is to be determined.

Announcements:

- None.

Motion to Adjourn:

Daniel motioned to adjourn at 8:12pm; Amy seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting is tentatively planned for December 7 @ 7:00 p.m.; the location and date are to be confirmed

Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday December 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at John Friedmann's house

Attendees:

Erica Beutler
Janet Friedmann
John Friedmann
Daniel Honigman
Jay Lyon
Ben Marden
Diane Sutliff
Peter Schlossman
Alan Thatcher

Peter called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m.

Review of November 2022 Minutes:

- Daniel motioned to approve the minutes. Peter seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Annual Report Review:

- The annual report was distributed. All officers and committee leads should provide feedback as soon as possible.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- November had little financial activity, except for continuing fundraising for the DFA.
- You will notice a large "expense" in Miscellaneous for a counterfeit check presented against our money market account. It was reversed as of December 6, and that temporary loss will be credited back in the next monthly Treasurer's Report. The Finance committee is considering switching banks to better protect HPAC funds.
- The annual IRS 990-EZ Form for FYE 9/2022 (due 2/28/2023) was completed and awaits final signatures.
- The 1099-NEC forms and Form 1096 are being prepared and will be sent by the deadline of 1/31/2023.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **Nature Play Space:**
 - Some debris that was there was cleaned up.
 - **Exercise Equipment Progress:**
 - A letter was sent out to request the extra \$30K to cover increased costs.
 - **Walking Path Repair:**
 - Thanks to the Chicago Park District for fixing part of the walk on the east side. The remainder is scheduled for completion at a later date.
 - **Bottle Filler:**
 - No report.
 - **Elevator Repair:**
 - No report.
 - **Lathe Bases for Wood Shop:**
 - They were purchased and delivered.
 - **Turkey Trot:**
 - The event was successful and well attended.
 - **Other:**
 - Horner Park is officially investigating the potential to be designated as a “mini arboretum,” due to the diversity of trees. John F. will present more at the February meeting.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - **Kiosk Maintenance:**
 - No report.
- **Jacob Playlot Park:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Gardens**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Farmer’s Market Committee:

- No report.

Concerts Committee:

- The Concert Committee has gotten an early start on 2023. We’ll be setting up a committee meeting in January hoping to get additional volunteers.
- The 2023 season will include Grammy-winning artist Frank Catalano, who just played at the Hollywood Bowl with The Smashing Pumpkins (his latest album is Grammy-nominated), a night of blues from Delmark Records artists, a night featuring local original music from Ft. Knox Studios, and some other original artists we’re in contact with.
- Rounding out the series will be a cover band or two, a performance by Le Ballet Petit and another stellar Narloch piano recital.

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- No report.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- **Fundraising:**
 - The calendar campaign has been successful to date; about 20 remain.
 - The end-of-year capital campaign was successful, with a \$1,000 anonymous donor match.
 - The donor also received a \$1,000 match from their employer, for a double match.
 - The committee is considering an April 1 date for Doggie Egg Hunt.
- **Build and Maintenance:**
 - The front gate latch was repaired in November.
 - No word on plan or costs to bring electricity to make fountains operational.
 - Regular cleanups continue. Spring mulching is currently being discussed.

Stewardship Committee:

- Spring cleanups on Earth Day or subsequent Saturdays were engaged in at all parks.
- New daffodil bulbs in Manor Park parkways around trees in 2021 blossomed, as did new additions to the parkway bulbs in Buffalo.
- Repairs were made to the branch fence in Manor, and weeds were kept in control.
- Two clean-ups in Horner were staged over the summer.
- Watering in all parks was maintained.
- A fall prep day in two parks included more bulbs planted in Manor and Buffalo.
- Larry Hodak will help steward the Manor native path.

Communications Committee:

- No December 2022 report.
- To close the year, HPAC continued to promote park news and events via emails to our Mailchimp list and Facebook postings. Occasionally, we shared events and news on our website. Plans to redo our website are still in the works.
- The council's executive team will meet this coming January to create a communication plan for 2023 with the goal of increasing community involvement in HPAC.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through October 2022 are live on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

Nominating Committee:

- A planning session will be scheduled (likely one Saturday in January) regarding new member outreach efforts (e.g., communication).

- Current considerations include location and facilitation; Daniel introduced John O. and Peter to a potential facilitator.

New Business:

- Erica thanks the Friedmanns for hosting the holiday meeting.
- Peter thanks all committee chairs and the executives for a productive 2022.

Old Business:

- There has been no update about the softball fields.
- There will be a 312 RiverRun meeting in late November. The date is to be determined.
- The backstops for softball fields #7 and #8 are on the participatory budgeting ballot. This is separate from the turf field proposal.

Motion to Adjourn:

Peter motioned to adjourn at 9:52pm; Erica seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting is tentatively planned for February 1 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse