

Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, Nov. 6, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
Horner Park Fieldhouse

Meeting started 7:03pm

Attendees:

Amy Jahnke, Co-Secretary
Allan Mueller, HPAC/RMIA
Cate Brodner
Deborah Groh
Mo Noonan
Carol Maher

John O'Connell
Diane Sutliff, Treasurer
Peter Schlossman, President
Erica Beutler
Allison Chapin
Lara Prestipino

- Approval of the Minutes – October 2017: minutes approved with comments
- **Reports**
 - **Treasurer's Report:** (coming from Diane)
 - Sales tax exemption; tabled for now as we don't need it at this point.
 - Following up on two deposits
 - **Farmer's Market:**
 - We completed our FOURTH SEASON of the Horner Park Farmers Market! We were open for 20 markets this year, which was a good number. Most Saturdays had just about perfect weather, except for our very last market of the season - bummer! We averaged about 590 people per Saturday, with our highest attendance being 800. Our final financials are still being tallied, but it looks like we raised somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4,500 this year for HPAC.
 - The CPD permit process is already open for 2018 and we'll be submitting again. I anticipate our 2018 season will be June 2 through October 13. We're hoping to do some special things in our 5th season and are excited to keep bringing this market to our awesome community!
 - Carol did a post-mortem with the yoga team and is going to be sending out a survey to yogis this fall.
 - **Dog Friendly Area**

STAY fundraiser: made \$560 (weather cut down on attendance). Coming up Dec 9, there is a Downward Dog fundraiser, humans-only yoga event from 10am-11:30.

 - Grant application for State Farm was turned in
 - Mike Quigley is writing a letter of support for use in future grants
 - Working with CPD for possibly phasing-in the dog park project; Phase 1 would be to put the fence up around the existing grass, Phase 2 to complete the project
 - In conjunction with possible Phase 1, they want to do a "sell a brick" type of fundraiser, are waiting for formal OK from the CPD
 - Goal is to get Mell and Pawar to kick in for the Phase 1 fence with promised funds
 - Encouraged everyone to reply to the alderman's MENU funds survey with a request for funding the dog park (and/or tennis courts)
- **Nominating Committee**

- No report
- **Park Briefs**
 - Horner Park: Things are going well at the park. Some programming adjustments have been made for the winter. Turkey Trot is coming up. Winter Camp Dec. 26-29 is a new thing; it will be a glow-in-the-dark sports winter camp! Santa's secret workshop is also coming up.
 - *Art Room air conditioning*: Diane is trying to find a local vendor to match or come close to Amazon's price.
 - *Tennis courts*: HPAC is aware that there is a need, will write a letter to Stacie Anti in support of this project. Going to ask Deb Mell to write a letter as well. It's definitely been over 17 years since they have been resurfaced. Need 5 tennis courts to support a CPD league match.
 - *Walking Museum / Horner Ring concept*
 - *Turkey Trot*: Deb has volunteers and HPAC has approved money for turkeys and pies.
 - *Henry Horner Garden (in front of the fieldhouse)*: Comment from John O. that it could use some kind of maintenance, Diane suggests forming a committee to investigate this further.
 - Ravenswood Manor Park
 - Grass seeding request is in (along with the Farmers Market area), but with frost it may need to be in spring
 - Jacob Playlot: No report
 - Sunken Garden: No report
 - Buffalo Park: Suzanne Davenport has bulbs she wants to plant there, and trees were trimmed
- **Concert Committee**
 - Thanks to Diane for reports on expenses. Made \$3,484 from households, \$11,175 from businesses and ads. There is a surplus.
 - Deb Groh: the Horner Park jazz band is celebrating 40 years next year
 - Concert committee meeting is Nov 14th at John O's house.
- **Website Committee:**
 - Possibly to post new Ravenswood Manor photo
 - Amy to send stewardship email about FB change
- **Stewardship Committee**
 - Allison and Lara leading the fall cleanup event to pick up garbage, "be thankful for your park"
 - Coordinating insurance releases with Deb Groh, registration will take place with turkey trot packet pickup
 - Amy to help promote event on FB
- **New Business**
 - North Region Park Advisory Council Roundtable report: Peter, John F. and John O. attended.
- **Announcements**
 - Turkey Trot – Nov. 18
 - Fall cleanup – Nov. 18

➤ **Attachments**

- Minutes from Oct. 2017 Monthly Meeting (under separate cover)

Next Monthly Meeting
Dec. 4 @ 7:00 pm – Location Nick's Pizza