

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Monday, March 5, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Meeting started 7:03pm

Attendees:

Kevin Anderson
Erica Beutler
Cynthia Fox, Co-Secretary
Deborah Groh
Amy Jahnke, Co-Secretary

Carol Maher
Allan Mueller, HPAC/RMIA
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman, President
Diane Sutliff, Treasurer

Approval of the Minutes – February 2018

- The minutes were presented for approval. They were approved with no substantive changes noted.

Reports

- **Treasurer's Report:**
 - At 5:15 pm 3/5/18, HPAC treasurer, Diane Sutliff, emailed the HPAC email list a balance sheet, profit & loss statement and treasurer's report as of 2/28/18.
- **Dog Friendly Area**
 - Erica Beutler provided the DFA report.
 - There was no response from the Chicago Park District about the fence issues for the DFA. She said that she was going to reach out to the alderman to see if they could provide assistance.
 - New banners are up for the DFA in two different locations.
 - Special events are coming up including the Dog Egg Hunt, March 31, 2018 at 1 pm. Erica and Deborah from the Chicago Park District reminded the members in attendance to help spread the word about special events at the park including through our social media platforms.
- **Concert Committee**
 - John O'Connell provided the report for concerts.
 - The sponsorship campaign for the concerts began last week. 1,200 fliers were created to distribute around the neighborhood and a MailChimp announcement would be going out soon.
 - John was asked about creating separate Facebook events for each concert for 2018 to help promote them on an individual basis. John agreed.
 - **Horner Brew Fest report**
 - The event is scheduled for July 14, 2018. Permits and money are needed.
 - Currently, 12 brewers recommitted with an additional 8 - 10 new ones joining the event. Details are in the Dropbox account.
 - Deborah indicated that she was able to secure the stage and electrical needs for the event through the park district

- Construction on the tennis courts is set to happen some time in July which could pose a problem.
 - Discussion was had with Deborah about a rain contingency plan but the gymnasium in the field house is not an option due to the potential damage to the floors. The park district was not willing to risk additional damage.
 - Cynthia offered to contact a few rental companies about providing tents and any other rental needs for the tennis courts to offer some cover in case of rain. She was asked to provide details before the March 22 meeting of the Brew Fest Committee.

- **Farmers Market** - no report provided

- **Park Briefs**
 - Horner Park: Things are going well at the park.
 - *Event promotion:* A handful of events are coming up and Deb asked that everyone continue to promote and share the events happening at the park. These events include: Community Bonfire (April 18, 6:30 -8:30 pm); “Wonder” Movie in the Park (date?); Lunch with the Easter Bunny (March 31, 11 am - 1 pm), Glow in the Dark Camp (March 26-30, 10 am - 2 pm) and the Riverfront Festival (September 8)
 - *Art Room air conditioning:* Diane will communicate with Deb about the A/C and the best time to be delivered to meet the parks needs.
 - *Tennis courts:* As mentioned earlier, construction is expected to happen in July.
 - *Walking Museum / Horner Ring concept*
 - *Wifi:* Deb reported that there was no new updates on WiFi at the field house. That said, the park district indicated that they would be placing a screen at Horner near the front desk to advertise events at the park and it could come with Wifi. No promises were made in that regard.
 - *Riverfront Opening Celebration:* It was confirmed that the event is set for September 8, 2018.
 - *Riverfront Improvement Planning:* Peter talked about some potential improvements HPAC could add to the riverfront including new benches.
 - Ravenswood Manor Park: No report
 - Jacob Playlot: No report
 - Sunken Garden: No report
 - Buffalo Park: No report

- **Website Committee**
 - Art Room article on Facebook was great.
 - John O’Connell noted that the website was missing minutes from the HPAC meetings as far back as November 2017. Kevin Anderson noted and updated a handful of them at the meeting.

- **Stewardship Committee**
 - John O’Connell reported that he has captains for all five parks for Earth Day events. Activities at the park will vary. Cynthia offered to be a co-captain with John for Ravenswood Manor Park.
 - John inquired with the park district about the possibility of getting some grass seed and an appropriate amount of temporary fencing to protect it for Ravenswood Manor Park in what would be Eastwood. Deb said she would talk with the park when she understood

our needs. John said ideally we would get seed and fencing to allow time for the grass to grow. After a lengthy discussion, Cynthia offered to work with John to come up with a rough project plan to determine what our needs were for the park and price out temporary fencing for the grass project.

- **New Business** - No new business discussed.
- **Announcements**
 - Doggie Egg Hunt/Lunch with the Bunny - March 31
 - Earth Day Park Clean-up events - April 21
 - Chicago River Day - May 12
- **Attachments**
 - Minutes from February 2018 Monthly Meeting (under separate cover)

Next Monthly Meeting
April 2, 2018, 7 pm at the Horner Park Fieldhouse