

Horner Park Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2018

Meeting called to order 7:15pm

Attendance:

Cynthia Fox
Diane Sutcliffe
Kevin Anderson
Peter Schlossman
John O'Connell
John Friedmann
Carol Maher
Amy Jahnke
Erica Beutler
Alan Mueller

Treasurer's Report

- Full financial report provided
- Discussion about expenses for Lunch with the Bunny

Stewardship Committee

- Earth Day is coming up; leadership is set for all parks.
- John O. cleaned up Ravenswood Manor park last week
- Brush needs to be cleaned up on the entrance walk of Horner Park
- Earth Day advertising on website, email, and Facebook next week
- Friends of the Parks have volunteer registration signup online
- Re-seeding of Eastwood at Ravenswood Manor Park; Deb has contacted the CPD to get this done, along with protective fencing
- Motion passes that Italian Gardens will water the grass seed for \$200 over the spring; the company can donate a fence if necessary
- Cynthia and John O. to talk offline about contingency plan if re-seeding doesn't happen
- River Day: Bea Tersch and Luke Ross are organizing events at Jacob and Sunken (respectively)

Dog Friendly Area

- Egg Hunt went very well, despite winds!
- \$3,500 was made
- Additions of food trucks, agility course, etc. went very well
- DePaul Prep volunteers were greatly appreciated
- Erica spoke with CPD about timing of the bid of the fencing; hoping it comes in by next week
- Possibly organizing a group on Earth Day to work on aerating and seeding the dog park area, to try and prevent mud this spring
- May 3: Shopping event at Embellish in Lincoln Square

- Working on a Pups'n Pints bar series (starting with Montrose Saloon, Lizard's Lounge, Templestowe)
- Thank you to Deb Mell for judging the event
- HPAC is very appreciative of Deb Groh and Park District staff efforts!

Concert Committee/HornerFest Report

- 3 full page ads have been lost this year
- Looking to sell more ads
- Renewed request to not duplicate concert mailings
- Request to send a list of solicited businesses, etc. so people aren't solicited twice
- **HornerFest**
 - o Family Day: band and dancers are committed
 - o Movie is lined up with the park service
 - o Riverfront tours are happening again
 - o Bateman will do chess tournament
 - o Bouncy house (with supervision) will be there
 - o Beerfest: looking to finalize brewery list this month. Permitting process is moving along.
 - o Not sure when tennis court resurfacing is occurring
 - o CPD providing staging
 - o Cynthia coordinating quotes for tenting the courts

Farmers Market:

- No report

Park Reports:

Horner Park

- Resurfacing large tennis court is happening this summer. Mention of using HPAC funds to put a few benches and plantings in once they are resurfaced (also along the basketball courts). Possibly adding lines for pickleball to the courts.
- Tennis court lights are always on, need to investigate better timing these
- Art Room A/C: Units have been dropped off and are ready to be installed
- Walking Museum/Horner Ring Concept: Possibly using the south end of the park along the river for an art installation. Working session meeting at Horner Park on April 12, 6:30pm
- Wifi: Coming soon to Horner Park!
- Trash heap at S. end of parking lot; Deb has put in a request to have this removed
- Vagrant activity; they are back, encouraging people to call 911 when they see them after 11am
- Army Corp gate by Irving Park isn't shutting properly; Peter to ask Army Corp about this
- Mention of sidewalk flooding issues

Ravenswood Manor Park

- See Stewardship report

Jacob Playlot

- No report

Sunken Garden

- No report

Buffalo Park

- See Stewardship report

Website Committee

- Kevin is working on PayPal button page
- Minutes to be updated

New Business

- Possibly reaching out to Horner Park Baseball to participate in the Earth Day cleanup

Announcements

- April 25, North Region PAC Conference
- June 1: Horner Park Jazz Band 40th Anniversary Celebration concert behind the fieldhouse (create HPAC event)

Meeting adjourned 8:27pm