

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday April 3, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Erica Beutler
Cynthia Fox
Amy Jahnke, VP Communications
Emily Meizis, Spark Montessori
John O'Connell
Alan Mueller, RMIA
Peter Schlossman, President
T.J. Sesion
Diane Sutliff, Treasurer
Michael Thompson
Yolanda Ohera Thompson

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Approval of the Minutes – March 2019 - John O'Connell took minutes last month and will make changes from Erica's email to the minutes. **Peter moved to approve the minutes. John O seconded. Motion passed.**

REPORTS

- Lunch with the Bunny - Deb is asking for extra \$450 for water, juice boxes and cupcakes and pizza. Motion to spend the amount. Peter moved to spend the money. Diane seconded. All present in favor.
- Concert Committee - John O'Connell reported that they were working on 25th season in Ravenswood Park, Horner Park and Sunken Gardens. Campaign literature is in the mail on March 7 to neighbors and sponsor prospects. Twenty five businesses cash or pledge \$8670 in cash and pledges which is the 49% of our goal. Old Town School of Music, John Cullerton, and RMIA are all current pledged sponsors. John passed around sponsorship packets for folks who want to approach certain neighborhood establishments. All permits are in with the park district. Partnership agreement is completed and with the alderman's office. Partnership agreement is completed and submitted to CPD. The alderman's office has been approached for street closure permits for ManorBash. John suggested that we advertise the concerts in the Manor News. He would look at making an ad coming out of concerts budget. Finally, he noted that Deb submitted the concerts as part of night out in the parks, permit with the park district and partnership agreement this week.

- Horner Fest/Brew Fest - John Friedman was not there to report. Peter Schlossman talked about the plan to fence off the front area of the park directly west of the entrance to the field house. Park district does not seem concerned. The next committee meeting is on April 11.
- Farmers Market - Gretchen was not at the meeting. June 8 is the first farmers market of 2019. Peter also noted that Lauren is the new yoga instructor at McFetridge and has agreed to do yoga this season.
- Dog Friendly Area (DFA) - Erica Beutler was at the meeting to report. She reported that the contacts at the park district changed to Michael Lange, as our new liaison. They went over the 50% drawings in a meeting with Michael. Everything was moving nicely along. The Egg Hunt is lining up nicely with vendors and entertainment. They moved the event to between the basketball court and the bike path a bit further from the field house not to conflict with Lunch with the Bunny event. For fundraising, there will be a calendar contest in May and another auction in September. Also, the selling the engraved pavers may be approved soon.

PARK BRIEFS

- HORNER PARK
 - Ceramics Program
 - Instructor position - Diane talked about the impending departure of the current ceramics teacher. Peter suggested that he write a letter to suggest that the position announcement start advertising the position to get filled sooner rather than later to let the park district know we are committed to continuing the program with a strong and experienced ceramics teacher. The HPAC has invested a lot of money into equipment into that program and want it to continue.
 - Purchase of Clay Extruder Parts - An expense request came from the ceramics program to spend \$269 to purchase a die set and expansion box that will allow increased sizes to be produced through the extruder. **Diane Sutliff made a motion to approve the expense. Cynthia Fox seconded. All approved.**
 - Northwest Portage Walking Museum - They are having a reception at the National Veterans Art Museum on Thursday, April 4. The team needs to submit drawings to the park district for approval
 - Nature Play Space - There will be a meeting on April 27 at Horner Park for a community meeting to discuss. Advertised widely to get buy in on the idea and solicit new ideas for how best to create the nature play area.
 - Mulch path along the river - No report.
 - Lunch with the Bunny/Egg Hunt - Talked about earlier
 - Openlands Tree Grant - Planting day is April 20th and 24 trees will be planted between the HPAC parks. Three trees will go to Ravenswood Manor Park along the alley and the rest on California parkway at Horner. We need to solicit volunteers to help the efforts. Target, Home Depot, Walgreens and ComEd were suggested to see if they have corporate days for employees.
- RAVENSWOOD MANOR

- Grass seeding, and fence put up. Leaves are all raked up. John cut the grass on the east side of the park. Nature trail will be patched up. Litter, raking up. Too many volunteers will be defaulted to other parks.
- John O'Connell cleared the ornamental grass from the gardens.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
 - Neighbor organized a cleanup along the river. Tess Smith-Messa started the Ringo's Team (duck that had the plastic can things stuck around neck).
 - All five parks are being offered on Earth Day - Horner, Ravenswood Manor, Buffalo, Sunken Garden,
- COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
 - Amy sent around fliers for upcoming events with other things coming around
 - Website redesign continues and asked people to review the list of current content and audit them. New ideas on the Google doc by Friday, April 19. Amy will reshare the document to the group.
- WEBSITE COMMITTEE - No report.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NW Portage Walking Museum Benefit - April 4
- Lunch with Bunny / Doggie Egg Hunt - April 13
- Openlands Tree Planting Day - April 20
- Nature Play Space - Public Visioning Session - April 27
- Earth Day - April 27
- Chicago River Day - May 11
- It's Your Park Day - June 1
 - Looking for ideas for a project for that day. Ask Deb about field house ideas.

The Irving Park Underbridge Connection is happening and construction fences are up. Should expect to be there for two years.