

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday February 6, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Peter Schlossman, President
Kevin Anderson
Cynthia Fox, Co-Secretary
John Friedmann, Vice President
Deb Groh
Gretchen Helmreich - Co-Treasurer
Daniel Honigman - Co-Secretary
Amy Jahnke, Vice President
Alan Mueller
John O'Connell
Diane Sutliff - Co-Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

Approval of the Minutes – January 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

- Treasurer's Report - Diane reported that it's been a very quiet month with nothing new to report. As of 1/30/19, we have \$17,353 in the checking account, \$115,144 in the savings and \$640 in PayPal. Diane reported that our Directors & Officers Insurance renewal is due. **Diane moved to pay the \$400 D&O bill. Peter seconded. Motion approved.**
- Dog Friendly Area - Erica was not in attendance. Peter reported that Baxter & Woodman submitted the 30% complete documents to the park district for the plans for phase II. The first of three submittal rounds are complete.
- Farmer's Market - Gretchen reported. Submitted permit for 2019 and received it 24 hours later. The vendor application is online and open. The calendar is June 8 - October 5, 2019. The bike path will impact the yoga area but they will move to the western side of the plantings in front of the fieldhouse.
- Concert Committee - John O reported about the start of our 25th season. The season is almost set for 2019 and some contracts are about to go out to acts. John is working to get ahold of the House Theater for the new season. He will be meeting with them in the next week and know more about the possibilities for a show. John's goal is the first week of March to do the mailings for the concert committee. Contracts are being drafted and goal is to be out within the next week. Permits are next on the list and will be submitted by the end of the month. Shelly and Dan are concert committee apprentices. Peter suggested that John work on a work plan of sorts to have a detailed list of to-do's for the work of that committee.
- Communications Committee - Amy presented the draft of the HPAC brochure. She asked those in attendance to review. She will send it to the group and compile all the feedback and send out final soon. Will be convening a subcommittee on the Manor Bash next week done in partnership with the RMIA on Wed Feb 13, 2019.
- Stewardship Committee - John O stated that Earth Day is April 27 and he will register everyone for all the parks. Amy said she would put a save the date. John F passed around the Openlands Grant and the Seed Grant to consider applying. John F will take the lead on

applying if it's feasible and will investigate to see if we want to come up with a plan. The Seed grant is \$500. Peter asked about funds to support the plantings in front of the field house. The park district contract is working to get the discount for plants and there is a rule that can not be a third-party vendor (HPAC is third party) to give them the money.

- Stewardship Committee - John O had to leave early so all stewardship notes are in other reports above. There was a brief discussion about the progress of the Horner Entryway Gardens.
- Communications Committee - Amy reported that we discussed redoing the website. She is going to send out an email to see what people want in the website. She also has drafted the brochure that is waiting for John O and concert committee to review for the final draft.
- Horner Fest/Horner Brewfest Committee- John F presented proposals to consider to get the event planning started. The dates are July 19 and 20, 2019. The first planning meeting for Fest 2019 committee is tentatively Feb 28, evening location TBD. That committee is looking for new members. John F proposed some ideas to come up with a preliminary budget for the weekends events. **Diane approves \$1,500 preliminary budget for John F to be able to do what he needs to do get permitting and insurance discussions under way. Peter seconded. Motion approved. Additionally, John F motioned to take the first \$3,000 profit from the weekend to go towards future Ash tree preservation. Cynthia seconded the motion. Motion approved.**
- Website Committee – meeting minutes online

Park Briefs

- Horner Park
 - NW Portage Walking Museum / Santiago X Earth Mound project - no updates
 - Nature Play Space - Peter said a meeting will be held next Monday to go over the general areas designated or most likely to have the nature play space go. They will do some preliminary planning in anticipation for a public meeting TBD later.
 - Irving Park Road fence replacement - Deb reported that it's on the rapid response list slated for the spring.
 - Mulch Path Along River - Some parts of the path are very soggy and needing to help with reinforcing the stability of the path and keep the mulch in place. We would like to get it addressed.
 - Garbage issues - There is a group with the DFA that cleaned up the dog friendly area recently. The location of the recycling cans and garbage containers is not placed very well and having them rearranged would be helpful. Deb noted that it could be done but that the garbage cans are frequently moved so it should be acknowledged that it's not a final solution. There were also some damaged cans that need to be replaced and Deb will remind the park about the request last year.
 - Lunch with the Bunny / Doggie Egg Hunt - tentatively April 13, 2019 - 11 - 1 pm for lunch with the bunny, 1 - 3 pm for Doggie Egg Hunt. Waiting for Erica for the confirmation for the DFA.
 - New tree on sled hill - Deb got a response from the park district and it was a commemorative tree in memory of a child that passed away. We have received emails from neighbors complaining about the placement of the tree. The HPAC is reporting the issues to the park district that it's concerned. We asked Deb to contact Barb about the placement and if there are any issues with moving the tree.
 - Issue with Tennis Court and Unleashed Dogs Inside - Amy had asked Deb about the tennis courts and dogs inside with concerns about the resurfaced tennis courts. After Deb reached out, the issue is not their paws/nails but when they urinate/defecate on the new concrete cover. One dog owner addressed by Deb threatened her and cursed at her for asking him to remove his dogs from the tennis courts.

- Deb provided updates on park staffing to the HPAC. There have been staffing concerns with health issues and staff moving to other parks, so the Valentine's Day Dance is not happening in 2019.
- The The Horner Park Baseball Association applied for a grant with the Chicago Cubs and their Cubs Care Charities to have the field work done in the spring and the fall.
- Ravenswood Manor Park
 - Tree replacement / grass reseeding - We have requested trees from Barb Wood from the park district. HPAC requested that the broken wooden bollards and their foundations be removed and not be replaced.
- Jacob Playlot - no report
- Sunken Garden - no report
- Buffalo Park - no report

New Business

SPARK Montessori opens on Monday, Feb 11 and Wed 6 pm is the ribbon cutting and open house.

Announcements

- Earth Day – April 27
- Chicago River Day - May 11

Attachments

- Minutes from January 2019 meeting (under separate cover)

Next Monthly Meeting
March 6 @ 7:00 pm – Horner Park Fieldhouse