

**Horner Park Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday Oct. 2, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.  
Horner Park Fieldhouse**

MEETING MINUTES

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**Attendees:**

Erica Beutler  
Cynthia Fox, Secretary  
John Friedmann  
Deb Groh, Chicago Park District  
Gretchen Helmreich  
Rebecca Horrigs, Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen's office  
Amy Jahnke, VP Communications  
Emily Meizis, Spark Montessori  
John O'Connell  
Alan Mueller, RMIA  
Peter Schlossman, President  
Tyler St. Germain, new neighbor  
Diane Sutliff, Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm.

**Approval of the Minutes** – July and September 2019 - Peter Schlossman started the meeting with a need to review and approve the prior two meetings minutes. **Peter Schlossman moved to approve the July and September 2019 meeting minutes. John O'Connell seconded. Motion passed.**

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer's Report** - Diane Sutliff presented HPAC's FY 2019 year end financials since our fiscal year ending on September 30. After a brief report, Gretchen Helmrich mentioned that her expenses for the farmer's market were slightly off based on the reports presented. She said she would follow up with Diane after the meeting to clarify. Diane also presented the working document of ongoing expenditure requests from FY 2019. The list of requests was updated to reflect items spent in 2019 and others were moved to FY 2020. Additional items were mentioned to add to this working document including money to work on replacing the grass near the farmer's market again as well as money for proper fencing along the nature trail at Ravenswood Manor Park that is currently an easily deteriorating natural twig fence.

**Farmer's Market** - Gretchen Helmrich reported that the coming weekend is our last farmer market. This weekend is going to be pumpkins, petting zoo, pony rides, ect. and the market will be open until 2 pm. Our attendance this year has been great. Kids day was the best day way higher than 1,200.

**Concert Committee** - John O'Connell wrapped up our 25th season. He stated that we broke even after all is said and done. John is stepping down as chair of the concert committee. He is looking for new people to come to the committee to determine if we/how we will continue the summer concert program. John would provide details about fundraising, timelines and more to anyone in the future who might take the reigns of the program. The next meeting of the Concert Committee would be October

16, 2019 at John's (4530 N. Mozart) at 7:30 pm. Peter asked that we make sure to note that HPAC offers its sincere appreciation for JO and all of his work on the committee.

**Horner Fest / Horner Brewfest report** - John Friedmann reported Horner Brew Fest 2020 will be the Friday night after the Square Roots Festival which is tentatively the third Friday in July 2020. Horner Fest Committee has decided not to have the Saturday event anymore. No liquor because of a lack of interest, doubles our expenses. This year's event was only down 29 tickets from last year even with the dire weather. We are competing with the fests, block parties and other park events so we are not going to host the family event on Saturday. It's a very long weekend with both together but so the layout will be revisited. John F. will send updates to finalize the financial report for Brewfest to HPAC treasurer, Diane Sutliff.

**Stewardship Committee** - John O'Connell nothing much to report. John O mentioned that he would plan a day with Cynthia Fox within the next few weeks to reset the small nature path at Ravenswood Manor Park. Diane Sutliff reported that bulbs are going to be planted in the front of Horner Park soon and noted that park district staff are continuing to clean out and replant items in the front garden. Emily Meizis from Spark Montisori indicated that they may want to help with planting or other park activities since they are at the park daily.

**Dog Friendly Area** - Erica Beutler reported on the DFA. Saturday, October 5 would be the monthly cleanup at the DFA. She informed the council that work for the replacement hinges still needed to happen. She mentioned a variety of fundraising events: October 26 - 3rd annual Howl-o-Ween Party at Stay Dog Hotel on Rockwell from 10 am -12 pm; and, finally, November 2 - Paws & Pints at Lizards Liquid Lounge from 2 - 5 pm with a portion of proceeds going towards the DFA. Erica reported that the online auction ended raising about \$6,500. There was a small write-up on the dog park with Block Club Chicago. \$110,000 left to raise before the CPD will put the project to bid.

## **PARK BRIEFS**

### Horner Park

- NW Portage Walking Museum / Santiago X Earth Mound project - John F reported that there would be a ribbon cutting at the west end of the park on October 14 from 11 am - 4 pm
- Nature Play Space - Peter presented a new draft plan that will move the nature play area next to the existing playground.
- Security detail - The former security guard passed away. If anyone sees issues with people in the park, please let Deb Groh know. Keep reporting issues to Deb and 911 if there is open drinking or other illegal activities.
- Ceramics instructor - We have a new ceramics teacher, Stephanie. Classes start week of Oct 4

### Ravenswood Manor Park

- Tree Dedication for Nora Leonard - no updates
- The wooden bollards along Manor were finally removed by the park district. Extra dirt was put in one of the low spots and can use some grass seeding.

### Jacob Playlot

- Interest in them doing a concert in their park next year.

### Sunken Garden

- 47<sup>th</sup> ward security event - Amy and John F attended the event. Lots of community support and discussions about community safety.

Buffalo Park - none

Communications Committee - none

Website Committee - none

Recognition for Deb Mell - next month

### **New Business**

- CPD staff strike - Park District and the Chicago Public Schools could go on strike as soon as October 17.
- 33rd Ward Community Driven Zoning & Development initiative
- Memoriam for Liz Cleveland Boshardy - daughter of former HPAC secretary passed away in a tragic accident. Peter suggested we send something to show our support and send our condolences. Peter said he would write something on behalf of the council and sending them some sort of a food basket. **John O'Connell motioned to designate \$100 for a gift to family. Seconded by Amy Jahnke. Motion carried.**
- **Turkey Trot was mentioned as a future event. Diane Sutliff motioned to approve spending up to \$300 for turkey trot expenses. Amy Jahnke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

### **Announcements**

- Pumpkin Patch – Oct. 5
- Volunteer Appreciation Day - Oct 6
- Turkey Trot - November 23.

### **Attachments**

- Minutes from July & Sept. 2019 meeting (under separate cover)

**Next Monthly Meeting  
Nov. 6 @ 7:00 pm – Horner Park Fieldhouse**