

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday April 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting (Conference Call)**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Peter Schlossman
Amy Jahnke
Jay Lyon
John O'Connell
Deb Groh
Daniel Honigman
Helen Slade (Territory Chicago)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Review of March Minutes:

Tabled Until May (Daniel to send after meeting)

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Not received as of the meeting start. Tabled until May meeting.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **Events:**
 - All events cancelled (doggie egg hunt, scavenger hunt, River Day, Earth Day).
 - Nothing happening now until at least 4/30
 - Spring Classes postponed, Little League cancelled
 - Permitted events will possibly be impacted
 - If classes are cancelled, everyone will receive a Parks District credit towards future classes
 - **Other business:**
 - Caution tape around baskets on basketball courts
 - May be shutting down tennis courts, but nothing definite yet
 - Caution tape around playground

- **Nature Play Space:**
 - **Helen Slade reporting:**
 - **Spring Design studio** with 13 teenagers for Wendell's Garden. Met twice before CPD/city rules changed. Program paused. Goal is to resume when everything else resumes (ie. following school schedules). After School Matters closed through 4/21 now.
 - Trying to do online classes, but only about 40% of students have adequate internet or tools.
 - Getting notification about funding opportunities. No slowdown yet, but will try to raise \$ through digital means
 - If we can't do much more given technical capacity, work will pick up.
 - Opportunity to hire teens through One Summer Chicago
 - Gathering ideas through Minecraft, etc. that could possibly be applied
 - Sean Shaffer sent estimate for the other playspace (just west of the playground by fieldhouse). Estimated at \$75K. Peter sending out estimates to get feedback.
- **Maintenance:**
 - Came out to look at grating by electrical vault. No other updates
- **Basketball Court Lights:**
 - No update yet from alderman's office about basketball court lighting costs (\$30,000)
- **Portage museum:** No updates

- **Ravenswood Manor Park:** No report
- **Jacob Playlot:** No report
- **Sunken Garden:** No report
- **Buffalo Park:** No report

Concerts Committee:

- Concerts don't start until end of June; hopefully we can assume business as usual
- Peter recommended not hitting up sponsors too much, as restaurants and other local businesses may be impacted by COVID
- A little over \$2400 in sponsorship, and \$1900 from subscribers. Tracking with efforts from previous years

- 650 residences with addresses from Chris Moran - new potential subscribers. Postcards probably already out
- Some doorstop flyers went out, but held out w/ lockdown
- Good feedback on the new logo with microphone.
- John predicts most money from households vs. businesses
- Two open slots for concerts (Jacob and Sunken Gardens). All other concert contracts come out to \$6K.
- Got a quote on the new PA system. Looking around \$3500 for just about everything (except microphones, stands and monitors) Peter wanted to review the quote, but delivery could take only a couple of days after order.
- Jay wants enough time to put together instructions to keep with equipment before first event
- Met with Shelly to talk about social media, but decided to hold off until the situation improves. Can always start up in June

Stewardship Committee:

- Earth Day, River Day both cancelled
- **Chicago Parks Foundation June event:** Still on (as of now). Peter received signup, deciding to hold off on registering for now
- **Jacob Playlot:** Wants to do planters (similar to Manor and Buffalo)
- **John O moved** to spend \$500 (max) on Jacob, Buffalo and Manor for planters and other planting-related items. **Daniel** seconded. **All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.**
- No updates from Bogdan about looking @ Manor for recommendations
- **John O. updates:**
 - Cynthia helping with Stewardship. Talking about replacing grapevine fence in Manor. Plans are tabled, will report back with ideas.
 - Butterfly Gardens: Idea to get families involved to create a butterfly-related project along the alley in Manor Park. John to send information on concepts to the group.

Dog Friendly Area Committee: No report

Website Committee: No report

Farmer's Market Committee: Still currently scheduled for June opening.

Communications Committee: Keeping up with updates from the Park District. Referring all questions to CPD website.

Nominating Committee: No report

Old Business:

- Daniel connected with a person at the CTA about Irving Park bus stops. No updates from CTA yet.

New Business:

- None

Attachments

- Minutes from March 2020 meeting (under separate cover)

Motion to Adjourn: Peter motioned to adjourn, Amy seconded. Motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting
May 6 @ 7:00 pm – Horner Fieldhouse if possible; Remote Meeting if not