

**Horner Park Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday February 5, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
Horner Park Fieldhouse**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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**Attendees:**

Peter Schlossman, HPAC President  
Amy Jahnke, HPAC VP (Communications)  
Diane Sutliff, HPAC Treasurer  
Daniel Honigman, HPAC Co-Secretary  
Cynthia Fox, HPAC Co-Secretary  
Erica Beutler, HPAC DFA Committee Chair  
Jay Lyon, HPAC Concerts Committee Chair  
Alan G. Mueller, Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association  
John O'Connell, HPAC Concerts Committee Chair (Emeritus)  
Deb Groh, Horner Park District Supervisor (CPD)  
Jamie Teichmann, CPD  
Kevin Anderson

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.**

**Approval of the Minutes: November 2019 and 2019 Annual Report**

The December 2019 minutes approval was tabled until all feedback has been provided.

**Peter opened up the meeting at 7:10 pm. Diane moved Introductions**

**Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Diane reported numbers as of January 31, 2019 under separate cover.
- As 2020 planning is underway, Diane recommended HPAC members prepare project proposals for the March 2020 meeting. Team to revisit proposed 2019 projects and consider new projects.

**Concert Committee Report:**

- John O. introduced Jay (new committee chair) to the group.
- Committee met last week; Jay is revisiting 2019 sponsors and currently working on the mailing
  - Chris is also pursuing any digital and automated efforts.
- Five contracts are already out for next season
- Will compile estimated costs for the next meeting; the estimate will include any new equipment needs, as Jay will be inventorying what's at Chris' house.
- The committee is figuring out what will go on the HPAC website - a solution similar to HornerFest was discussed, but details will be taken up in committee.

## **Dog Friendly Area Committee Report:**

- **Fundraising:**
  - No word yet on if the DFA will receive the money from the 33rd Ward Participatory Budgeting process
  - Raised \$319 from the Lou Malnati's event
  - Raised \$1,220 from holiday blanket and calendar fundraiser at Stay
  - Received \$538 from Michael Thomas, owner of the 7-Eleven on 3800 Kedzie
  - Individual donations continue to come in and DFAC is awaiting matching funds as well
  - The Office of Budget and Management has refused to send the \$29,739 ported by Ald. Deb Mell from her 2017-18 menu funds to the Park District. No prior notice was given of OBM's intention not to fulfil this directive;
    - Erica will be talking to Ald. Rodriguez's office to figure out if they'll take it up, and where to go from there. DFAC has relied on these funds and needs them to move forward with final construction.
  - If the \$29K is not lost and the \$25K comes in from PB, the DFA would be about \$30K short of the \$240K estimate for the final build. It hopes to offer honorary benches to raise the remaining needed funds.
    - If not enough money is raised for the full buildout, the DFA will split the remaining work into two phases: one for infrastructure and below-ground improvements, the paved entryway, water fountain, and small dog area fencing; and the other for the remaining above-ground improvements such as turf, landscaping and bench installations.
- **Future Improvements:** Final drawings and cost estimate were submitted to CPD for review
- **Doggie Egg Hunt:** Will be April 11th, 1-3.

## **Park Briefs**

- **Horner Park:**
  - **Softball Tournament (Jamie)**
    - Horner Park is one of three locations chosen for a 16" softball tournament, that will be held Saturday, July 18 from 9am-3pm. (With setup and takedown the total estimated time will be from 8am-4pm.)
    - Potential conflict with any possible Horner Family Fest; however Jamie doesn't anticipate any use of the fieldhouse or hill (generally used for Movies in the Park).
    - Some details are still being worked out, so HPAC will not be promoting the event yet.
    - There was general support expressed for the idea
  - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Santiago X Earth Mound project**
    - Several quotes for the mound have come in; the group will be asking for more because the price seemed a bit high



- **Sunken Garden:** No report
- **Buffalo Park:** No report

### **Website Committee Report:**

- Will discuss any page/content needed for the Concert Committee

### **Farmer's Market Committee Report: No report**

### **Communications Committee Report: No report**

### **Stewardship Committee Report: No report**

### **New Business**

- **New contact at Friends of the Park:** Andrea Dennis
- **ComEd has a Green Region Grant**
  - Grant is for pollinator conservation (e.g. bees and butterflies); Grant application deadline is March 13.
  - John F. to look into and request help if needed.
- **Chicago Parks Foundation Grant**
  - \$500 grant application date of March 6.
  - Since the grant amount is small, HPAC will not pursue it.
- **Ravenswood Manor Ash Tree Treatment**
  - RMIA conducting Ash Tree treatment event; suggested they contact John F. for advice/assistance, and connection to a vendor for a new quote
- **River Day**
  - Will be May 9
  - John to talk to Jason (or Stacy) about trail maintenance; Peter to write a letter to be transmitted through to Mike
  - John to connect with Home Depot about a materials donation for the trail (e.g. timber); if no resources provided, John to ask for a financial contribution
- **BrewFest**
  - Will be July 17
  - The first BrewFest Committee meeting will be in early March. (Date TBD)

### **Old Business**

- Recognition for Deb Mell: We have the gift card; we just need to set up a date to give it to her.

### **Announcements**

- Valentine's Dance on February 14 at Horner Park
  - Deb requested an HPAC donation of \$100 to purchase pizzas for the band.
    - John O. motioned, all approved. Motion passed.
- No Lunch with the Bunny this year; doing a glow-in-the-dark egg hunt instead in the gym on April 11 - will be two separate events: one for smaller kids and one for bigger kids
  - Deb still figuring out details; will provide more info in the March meeting
- Teen architecture/graffiti camp event
  - Proposed for July 18, as it might be a good showcase if there's a Horner Family event that day

- 2020 PAC Conference: March 21 at Malcolm X College

**Attachments (under separate cover)**

- Treasurer's Report
- Minutes from December 2019 meeting

**Next Monthly Meeting**  
**March 4, 7:00 pm at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**