

**Horner Park Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday Mar. 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
Horner Park Fieldhouse**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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**Attendees:**

Kevin Anderson  
Erica Beutler  
Cynthia Fox, Secretary  
John Friedmann, VP  
Deb Groh, Chicago Park District  
Daniel Honigman, Secretary  
Amy Jahnke, VP Communications  
Tom Mayer  
Alan Mueller, Ravenswood Manor Improvement Association  
Peter Schlossman, President  
Diane Sutliff, Treasurer  
Carlton Jones, Horner Park Little League (NPNWLL)  
Oscar Valenzuela, Horner Park Little League (NPNWLL)  
Vanessa Hernandez, Horner Park Little League (NPNWLL)  
Lola Post, Horner Park Little League (NPNWLL)  
David Post, Horner Park Little League (NPNWLL)

**Peter called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.**

Horner Park Little League group requested to present first.

Carlton (and others) came to the meeting to take part in the HPAC meeting and wanted to be more active with our group since they have been in the park for 40 years. There are three little leagues in the park - general baseball, girls softball, and the Challenger Program for special needs players. For the Challenger Group's 10th year, the group is hoping to grow the local program from seven kids to 60. They also want to host a 10 Year Anniversary event on Saturday, June 7 at Horner Park

The group is also working on grants for various field improvements, and were open to receiving input on the items needed (e.g. scoreboards, field improvements, restructured dugouts, temporary HR fences).

**Approval of the February 2020 Minutes**

Peter motioned to approve the minutes. Amy seconded. Motion carried.

**Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Diane Sutliff presented the financial reports. She presented last year's special projects for the extra money. The concert committee was thinking about \$5,000 for the concert committee. Cynthia talked about her and John's idea to update the fencing and maybe a bench for Ravenswood Manor Park.

Peter asked the group to send any future project ideas to Diane based on our expenditure requests and the working document.

### **Park Briefs:**

- **Horner Park**

- **Valentine's Dance Report:** Deb reported that it went well. There were about 250 people with a Jazz Band and pizza.
- **Glow in the Dark Scavenger Hunt / Doggie Easter Egg Hunt:** Start in the small gym with face painting, to glow in the dark beads and silly bead projects and pictures with the bunnies. HPAC previously approved \$400 in event expenses for April 11: 3 - 5 year olds: 9 - 10:15 am; 6-12 year olds: 11 - 12:15 pm. The Doggie Easter Egg Hunt is going to be about the same as last year. There will be a slight cost increase from last year to cover the fees and get a bit of money for the fundraiser.
- **Nature Play Spaces:** No updates for the pricing for the nature place space needs from the park district.
- **Nature Play Space at Wendell's Garden:** She would like help publicizing and make sure a room at the field house is available. She would like to come to our May meeting for a large presentation.
- **Maintenance:** Deb said there is a request to get the broken glass and new locks for the bulletin board to be replaced. The HPAC advised that the grating at the back of the park near that electrical vault is broken, sunken and could be a safety hazard.
- **Basketball court lights:** Deb reported that running power would be \$30,000. Stacey called the alderman's office to let them know about the costs.
- **NW Portage Walking Museum / Santiago X Earth Mound project:** John F sent a report to Peter. He reported that the Earth Mound received the \$25,000 from the participatory budgeting from the alderman.

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

### **Stewardship Committee:**

- **Earth Day Registration:** Deb asked about the park's participation and Cynthia provided an update. Cynthia will be taking over the coordination of Earth Day tasks for John O'Connell.

**Concert Committee:** No update

### **Dog Friendly Area:**

- The DFA received \$25,000 from the participatory budgeting process and had the most votes of any project.
- We are hoping that the 2017-2018 menu funds will be reclaimed for the DFA project.
- We received \$5,000 from the Chicago Association of Realtors.
- We thank Cook County Commissioner Bridget Degnen's office for connecting us with that grant opportunity. DFA will be presenting at the PAC conference.

**Website Committee:** Jay bought a vanity URL for the concert committee website similar to what HPAC has for the the BrewFest

**Farmer's Market:** Gretchen will be following up regarding composting, as last year's project fell through.

**Communications Committee:** No report

**Nominating Committee:** Need a new treasurer and new co-secretary for HPAC.

## **New Business**

Bus stop name requests for the Montrose and Irving Park stops.

- Peter motioned to petition the CTA to change the names of the bus stops on Montrose and Irving Park. Alan seconded. Motion carried.

## **Old Business**

- **ComEd Green Region grant for pollinator conservation:** Due 3/13/2020; John F. looked into the grant; applicant must be a government agency. He contacted CPD with no response.
- **NRC banner program:** Confirming whether banners are up. Amy confirmed they are.
- **Deb Mell Recognition:** Still need to make it happen. Working on dates

## **Announcements**

- **2020 PAC Conference:** March 21 at Malcolm X College
- **Glow in the Dark Scavenger Hunt / Doggie Easter Egg Hunt:** April 11
- **Earth Day:** April 18
- **Challenger Baseball Program 10th Anniversary Event:** June 7

## **Attachments**

- Minutes from Feb. 2020 meeting (under separate cover)

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

**Next Monthly Meeting**  
**April 1 @ 7:00 pm – Horner Park Fieldhouse**