

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday September 2, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting (Conference Call)**

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees:

Erica Beutler
Cynthia Fox
Deb Groh
Daniel Honigman
Amy Jahnke
Emily Kuhn
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Diane Sutliff

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

Review of July and August Minutes:

Daniel motioned to approve the minutes. Diane seconded. All were in favor, pending minor copyedits. Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- Revised July and August 2020 reports were sent under separate cover.
- Will be moving \$1,000 donated through Benevity from General Fund to DFA
 - Diane is also adding Benevity to the transition list for the next Treasurer.
- Hasn't adjusted Paypal account yet from Stewardship, but still plans to shift ownership to a Treasurer account to cut down on notifications.
- Venmo has been added as payment method
- Diane to send backups of Quickbooks to Peter
- Diane to upload recent financial reports to HPAC Google Cloud as a temporary stopgap until a new solution is in place.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee Report:

- **Bidding and Fundraising Progress report:** Erica was told drawings are out for bid; she is trying to get a timeline for the project, but she hasn't received it yet. However, the bid is supposed to go to Rapid Response
- **Derecho Damage:** Service request was made for fence sections (one on the north side, and one on the east side). There is nothing to report yet, however Stacy has put in the request. Damage across the Park District is still being assessed. Erica to follow up with Stacy in about a week.
- **Dog Calendar:** For sale next month

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:** No updates
 - **Nature Play Spaces:**
 - **Wendell's Garden progress:** Question about approach and direction it's going in. General consensus that it's working so far.
 - HPAC would pitch in about \$10K, to match the grant received. The idea received general support.
 - No motion needed yet; meeting to happen first in committee
 - Tentative meeting date of September 10th. Peter to confirm if Shawn is available.
 - **Riverfront Restoration Abuse:** General approach to take anything unsafe down, but to leave things break down on their own - especially with recent weather.
 - **Landscape Border at ADA ramp:** Concrete and gravel tossed into area. Deb to reach out to landscaper about removing them and replacing with mulch
 - **Amazon Locker:** General consensus that HPAC is not in favor of it. Deb doesn't think Amazon and CPD will proceed with it, but will pass along feedback.
 - **Ash Tree treatment:** John F. requested \$400 for ash tree treatment.
 - Daniel motioned, Amy seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Peter to follow up with John F. about providing money.
 - **Other:**
 - Fall programs starting next week, but they're limited. Fieldhouse hours currently M, Tu, Th, Fr 8am-8pm; W is 8am-6pm.
 - Starting after Labor Day, hours will be 10am-7pm Monday through Friday only. (Still will not be open weekends)
 - **Ravenswood Manor Park:**

- But some trees may need to be replaced; others will need some trimming. John O. to update if/when needed
- There was some graffiti, but most has already been removed
- Other trees will need some trimming
- **Jacob Playlot:** No report
- **Sunken Garden:** No report
- **Buffalo Park**
 - **Dead beech tree:** Will need to be removed, along with surrounding weeds.

Stewardship Committee:

- **Watering needs:** Park District is OK with HPAC using water. John O. to provide update if additional help is needed
- Ramping up Cynthia/Emily involvement in the Stewardship Committee.

Communications Committee: Still confirming a few final details. Recommendation to come in future meeting.

Farmer's Market Committee: No report

Nominating Committee:

- Election postponed; however John O. still looking for replacement for Diane (Treasurer) and Cynthia (Co-Secretary)

Website Committee: No report

New Business:

- **Participatory Budgeting:** Idea collection ends September 6. Next two weeks will be to develop projects/pricing. Concepts + details need to be ready by end of the month for adding to the calendar in October.
 - Ideas discussed were outdoor exercise stations, curb cut
 - Deb to follow up on pricing for exercise equipment
 - Erica requested the board email any additional ideas or provide feedback on existing ideas.

Old Business:

- **Bus stop name request:** No update

- **Recognition for Deb Mell:** No update

Announcements:

- After-school program M-Fr 3-6pm for 18 kids (nine per pod/group). Some virtual programs lined up

Attachments:

- None

Motion to Adjourn:

Diane motioned to adjourn, Cynthia seconded. Motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting

October 7 @ 7:00 pm: Horner Fieldhouse if possible; Remote Meeting if not