

**Horner Park Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday August 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
Horner Park Fieldhouse and via Google Meet - [meet.google.com/pxy-hyta-obo](https://meet.google.com/pxy-hyta-obo)**

**Attendees:**

Erica Beutler  
John Friedmann  
Daniel Honigman  
Carlton Jones  
Jay Lyon  
Tom Mayer  
Peter Schlossman  
Diane Sutliff  
Sarah Bethel (Spark Montessori)  
Deb Groh (Chicago Park District)

**Peter called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.**

**Review of July 2021 Minutes**

- Daniel motioned to approve minutes. Jay seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Report sent under separate cover, with two updates:
  - Now keeping track of Nature Play Space (NPS) funds raised.
  - upcoming expected expenditures list because big money will be going out at some point.
- Thank you to Spark Montessori for raising funds for the Nature Play Space!

**Dog Friendly Area:**

- **Construction progress:**
  - The DFA was approved to reopen on July 9 after six inches of soil was removed from the area disturbed by construction and replaced with four inches of soil and two inches of fibar. Thank you to the Chicago Park District for its remediation efforts.

- The water feature was not operative until July 23<sup>rd</sup> but was shut off on August 4<sup>th</sup> because it was running continuously rather than operating in accordance with its programming. It will remain out of order until this problem can be fixed.
- Erica is evaluating some stone that could be put around the water area to reduce mud in that space. Estimates to come.
- Fencing panels supposed to arrive later this month. Their installation will be the last of the contracted phase two work.
- We still need to create and install the donor sign.
- Received report of injured dog who cut paw. Source unclear. Discussed need to get park district to clean up glass around outside of DFA.
- **Fundraisers:**
  - Calendar contest entries being accepted through August 8<sup>th</sup>. Voting will take place online August 16-22<sup>nd</sup> and the 2022 Dogs of Horner Park calendar should be available this fall.
- **Other:**
  - Applied for Chicago Works Community Grant

### **Concerts Committee:**

- **2021:**
  - There have been two concerts already. Shows will be each Friday until September 10.
  - Jay now has the MailChimp login and can create and send emails himself.
  - Books have been printed and handed out at the shows; the committee members will also mail them out shortly.

### **Farmers Market Committee:**

- **2021:**
  - Attendance is up around 150% from 2019.
  - Will have rotating coffee vendors. (So far Back of the Yards Coffee and Dulce de Leche Café have participated; others will as well.)
  - There's been positive feedback on the new vendors, and returning vendors are also happy with the market.
  - HPAC and DFA to reach out to committee about staffing a table in the market.

### **Stewardship Committee:**

- There was a successful Pitch in for the Parks event on July 20 with the Chicago Association of Realtors. Thanks to them for participating!
- A Pitch in for the Parks community service day is planned for Horner Park for Saturday August 14, 9-11am. Tali will be the on-site facilitator that day.
- Luke Ross organized a mulch day at Sunken Gardens. He plans to redo the main planter.

- Stewards have been busy maintaining Ravenswood Manor and Buffalo Parks. John recently added to the branch fence.
- John hopes to meet with CPD's Jerome Scott of Forestry soon on the proposed trees along the alley at RM Park. Jerome has approved the siting of trees along the alley.

### **Park Briefs:**

- **Horner Park:**
  - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
    - Basic mound construction is done, with some covering to protect it during the winter.
    - While the mound ceremony is still planned for October 11 (Indigenous Peoples' Day), its scale is to be determined, given emerging COVID-related guidelines.
    - The underpass is now scheduled for completion approximately mid-September.
  - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
    - Thanks to Spark Montessori's tremendous fundraising efforts to support the Nature Play Space.
  - **Participatory Budgeting Projects:**
    - The deadline for submitting participatory budgeting ideas is August 8. Please submit ideas by then. From there, ideas will be reviewed, and eventually put up for community voting.
    - **Exercise equipment:** Will likely not be starting construction soon, due to a backlog of projects.
    - **Soccer pitch lighting:** No update.
  - **Other:**
    - None
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
  - No report.
- **Jacob's Playlot:**
  - There was a wasp issue in the sandbox. CPD is working on it.
- **Sunken Garden:**
  - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
  - No report.

### **Communications Committee:**

- **Microsoft Teams:**
  - Daniel to start posting draft minutes in Microsoft Teams.
  - Daniel will work with different committees and leads on asset migration when they are ready.

### **Nominating Committee:**

- The Nominating Committee will meet in August. Date is TBD.

### **Website Committee:**

- Minutes through June 2021 are posted on the HPAC Website.

### **New Business**

- None.

### **Old Business:**

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

### **Announcements**

- All fall events are continuing as plans. No updates yet due to COVID restrictions.
- With Deb on vacation, Tom Anderson will be HPAC's point of contact.

### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Daniel motioned to adjourn; Jay seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

### **Next Monthly Meeting**

**September 1 @ 7:00 pm: Horner Fieldhouse and via Google Meet**