

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday March 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted via Google Meet - meet.google.com/pxy-hyta-obo**

Attendees:

John Friedmann
Tali Gorovoy
Daniel Honigman
Amy Jahnke
Stacy Niemiec (Spark Montessori)
Jay Lyon
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Carlton Jones (Illinois Little League)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Review of February 2022 Minutes:

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

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- The Form 990 document has been filed for the year.
- \$450 will be paid for insurance.
- The Benevity report for the end of 2021 has been received.
- A formal financial report for February 2022 will be made available soon, since this meeting is so close to the prior month close.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
 - Planting needs to be done in the spring or they will not be able to be done.
 - **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
 - We can start building the Nature Play Space in the spring.
 - Sara Bethel has sent a survey regarding the space.
 - **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - We will try to get additional information on costs.

- \$2500 was an estimate. No exact figures were available prior to the meeting, so the item was tabled for future discussion.
 - **Divvy Bike Pad:**
 - No update.
 - **312 River Run event:**
 - They had the second meeting and there is another meeting coming up.
 - The River Run date is June 18; HPAC is currently trying to secure sponsors.
 - The event will start at Clark Park and end at Horner Park.
 - **Other:**
 - Regarding the salt in the park – it was dangerously icy and trying to navigate around the ice. Peter recommended sending a letter to CPD.
 - HPAC is getting many comments about dogs in the nature area and other areas of the park. Potential solutions were discussed, such as increased signage in key areas (e.g., tennis courts, river path).
 - Peter and Daniel have obtained information from Mobile Makers as a potential method for community involvement.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - Christmas lights have been taken down.
- **Jacob's Playlot:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Garden:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- No decision yet on Doggie Egg Hunt. Deb Groh would not be available to assist, though other park district staff would be available.
- Donor thank you signs went up in the DFA.
- Regular maintenance continues. The committee will plan for spring mulching.
- An application for the State Farm Neighborhood Assist Grant has been submitted.

Stewardship Committee:

- Minutes of the January Stewardship meeting were distributed.
- Tali will be reaching out to park stewards to activate and maintain the new project and event tracking tool in Teams.
- A virtual Stewardship meeting will be on March 29. 2022 goals will be discussed.
- We plan to participate in Earth Day clean up on April 23 at all parks; and River Day at Horner, Jacob and Sunken Gardens on May 14. We plan to work with the Chicago Parks Foundation for additional events throughout the year.

Concerts Committee:

- The committee has planned for ten shows planned and our budget is looking to be about \$13,000 including sound for this year.
- Jay received an email from Deb saying that they will be back in Manor this year

- Jay scheduled the first show for May 20 and then June 10th being the second.
- Jay has a Fleetwood Mac band, Polynesian dance, an artist from the Old Town School, a Tom Petty band, and the Waco Brothers
- It was discussed for Waco Brothers to be in Horner Park but behind the building, now by the landing.

Farmers Market Committee:

- No report.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Communications Committee:

- No report.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through December 2021 have been posted on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- None

Announcements:

- None

Motion to Adjourn:

Peter motioned to adjourn; Daniel seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be April 6 @ 7:00 pm at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.