

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday July 6, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Attendees:

Erica Beutler
John Friedmann
Deb Groh
Daniel Honigman
Amy Jahnke
Peter Schlossman
Diane Sutliff
Carlton Jones (Illinois Little League)
David Post (HPNWLL)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Review of June 2022 Minutes:

- Erica motioned to approve the minutes; Diane seconded. All were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- Reports were distributed under separate cover to HPAC members.
- Funds continue to arrive for Farmer's Market, DFA, and Concerts, as well as income for the new River Run and this year's BrewFest.
- We have had an incident of check pilfering from Diane's front door, so handoffs of checks might be more tightly controlled in the future. Please contact her with questions or to flag any anomalies.
- The search continues for a CPA to assist in filing the Form 990 document. Please refer any accountant contacts to Diane for consideration.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **NW Portage Walking Museum / Earth Mound Project:**
 - Mound planting was delayed but may occur in the fall for cooler weather.

- **Underpass Planting:**
 - The 312 underpass planting has been completed.
- **Nature Play Space / Wendell's Garden:**
 - No update.
- **Exercise Stations and Benches:**
 - A request was placed with the 33rd Ward office for additional funding to account for recent price increases; there has been no response to date.
- **Bottle Filler Progress:**
 - Diane made a motion for HPAC to spend up to \$2,500 for the water bottle filler equipment and installation. (Additional costs – such as labor maintenance – are to be determined at a later date.) John F. seconded. All were in favor. None opposed. The motion passed.
- **312 RiverRun Event Report:**
 - There were 300+ event registrants; roughly 250 runners attended.
 - Financial report to follow.
 - Thanks to all volunteers who participated.
- **Walking Path Repair/Replacement:**
 - No update; may start in Fall 2022.
- **Fieldhouse Area Shrub Pruning:**
 - Bogdan to explore bushes/shrubs that could be planted in that space.
- **Lane Tech Softball Booster Club turf softball fields proposal:**
 - HPAC will look to schedule a public meeting in August. Date is TBD.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - No report.
- **Jacob Playlot Park:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Gardens:**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Farmer's Market Committee:

- No updates, other than attendance being excellent to date this season.
- Please direct questions to farmersmarket@hornerpark.org.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- **Dog Wash Trailer:**
 - The dog wash trailer was placed on lawn in front of the DFA without notice to or approval from DFAC/HPAC or Deb, among others. The committee requested its removal, and it was removed. (The DFAC thanks Deb for her follow-up.)
- **Other:**
 - Ongoing maintenance continues.
 - The DFA has gone through a few pools already. The water fountain is still running.

- The spray feature manufacturer is not coming for on-site repair now. The DFA Committee requested a meeting to sort out plans to finish the build.
- The DFA Committee will host a table at the Farmer's Market on July 23 and October 15. (The DFAC thanks Gretchen.)
- The DFA received an anonymous offer for a \$1,000 donation; the DFA is considering its use as a match offer and/or other ways to use it.
- The DFA Committee will host a fundraising event on Thursday August 4th from 6-9pm at Burning Bush Brewery and wants to do another online auction this Fall.

Stewardship Committee:

- The Chicago Association of Realtors was at Horner Park on Tuesday, June 14 from 10am-12pm for a stewardship event. They installed fibar in the playground. HPAC thanks CAR for its efforts.
- Sara Zimmerman has completed Buffalo Park plantings and submitted receipts.
- Pam and Conoly Shirley, who live near Buffalo Park have agreed to water the planters and corner gardens this season.
- John O'Connell and Jeff Young added more branches to the path fence at Ravenswood Manor Park. Jeff and Esther Young have been watering Manor Park this season.
- John O'Connell replaced a pilfered begonia at Manor Park.
- The Ravenswood Manor Park kiosk requires maintenance.
- The 33rd Ward wants to enlist HPAC to join in a park and neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, July 23. Our participation is TBD.
 - HPAC is generally in support but suggested connecting with Maria Stone to coordinate efforts (e.g., getting the Chicago Park District waivers signed).
 - Tali Gorovoy plans to stage a Horner Park cleanup on Saturday, July 16. HPAC discussed participating in the 33rd Ward event.

Concerts Committee:

- Attendance at this year's concerts has been good to date.
- There was an electrical issue at the last show at Manor Park; Deb has the Chicago Parks Department looking into it.

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- The BrewFest will be on July 15.
- Costs have increased roughly 33% from 2019 prices.

Communications Committee:

- The Committee has a series of email blasts queued up to go for the concert series.
- Occasionally monitoring Facebook for park-related questions and answering as needed.
- Amy will be out of town July 11-25, and unable to send or post anything during that time.

- The Facebook password issue was resolved; Lisa Cleveland had the stewardship email address associated with her personal account and was trying to change her personal password. Lisa and she has removed the HPAC email address from her account.

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through May 2022 have been posted on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

New Business:

- The Horner Park and Ravenswood Manor Clean & Green will be on July 23.
- There was a fire in the Horner Park Fieldhouse elevator; most of what was in the preschool room had to be thrown out due to damage.

Old Business:

- The fractal burner was installed.

Announcements:

- There will be a visioning session on July 12 at 7pm at DePaul Prep to discuss opportunities for the site.

Motion to Adjourn:

Erica motioned to adjourn; Amy seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be August 3 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.