

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday October 4, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

Attendees:

Amy Jahnke
Alan Mueller
John O'Connell
Peter Schlossman
Deb Groh (Chicago Park District)
Sarah Bethel (Spark Montessori)
Stacy Niemiec (Spark Montessori)
Carlton Jones (HPNWLL)
David Post (HPNWLL)
Lola Post (HPNWLL)

Peter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Review of September 2022 Minutes:

- Amy motioned to approve the September minutes. Carlton seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- Final financial reports for the fiscal year-end will be first circulated with committee heads (Concerts, DFA, BrewFest, Farmer's Market committees) for scrutiny, and then with the wider HPAC community. Please note there were changes to the reports for August, and those changes will be reflected in the year-end reports.
- Financial reports will be distributed under separate cover.
- The Secretary of State Non-for-Profit annual corporation has been filed and paid online.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **Nature Play Space:**
 - This is about finished, except for plantings. Deb heard many people respond positively to it as they walk by! Thanks to Eric and Sean for their efforts. The robots in particular draw lots of kids in.
 - Loose Parts party palooza and bonfire event at the Nature Play Space. This will be on October 25, from 3:30-7pm. Loose Parts @ 3:30, Bonfire at 5pm. All are welcome, bring a picnic dinner.
 - John made a motion for Deb to spend up to \$100 for the party (i.e., to purchase marshmallows and cocoa). Amy seconded. Motion passes.

- **Exercise Equipment Update:**
 - We have \$30,000 more committed from the 33rd Ward office. This is in addition to the previous \$45,000 from participatory budgeting. A Park District project manager was assigned; Deb is waiting to hear from him.
- **Walking Path Repair:**
 - The project manager and contractors have been working on getting everything going with permits, etc. We are waiting to hear back from the project manager regarding a start date. The whole path is not being replaced, just the places that need repairing.
- **Coiled Serpent Update:**
 - Looking like this will be planted in the spring.
- **Underpass Planting:**
 - Planting was completed; Lauren is pleased with progress.
- **Bottle Filler:**
 - In progress.
- **Turkey Trot:**
 - The one-mile run will be held Saturday, November 19 at 9am. Wooden turkeys and medals made by the community wood shop class will be used. Funds are approved; Deb may use them for snacks/beverages.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - **Kiosk Maintenance:**
 - HPAC requested that the park have someone stain the kiosk.
 - Thanks to the park for fixing the broken tire swing.
 - Fall cleanup is planned (see below).
- **Jacob Playlot Park:**
 - No fall cleanup is planned.
- **Sunken Gardens:**
 - No fall cleanup is planned.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - A fall cleanup event is planned (see below).

Farmer's Market Committee:

- There are two markets left; the market is going well and is well-attended.

Concerts Committee:

- The September 9 show to end the season at Jacob Park went well, and we are excited to have a new park as part of the series. Thanks to Deb Groh and the Park District for making electricity available at Jacob, and to Dana Dougherty for her help with the show.
- The committee is finishing a survey that will go out soon.
- Want to volunteer at future concerts? Contact Jay Lyon: jay@lyoncommunications.com.

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- Ash trees have been treated with funds raised from the BrewFest.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- **Fundraising:**
 - The calendar is out for production and will be on sale at the Farmer's Market on October 15 and through the DFA online store.
 - The committee will be hosting a Howl-O-Ween event with Stay on October 22, from 11am-3pm. The costume parade will end at Burning Bush Brewery.
 - There will be a fall giving match campaign for Giving Tuesday.
- **Build and Maintenance:**
 - The pools and hose are down as hard-surface areas will be pressure washed this week. The committee anticipates the Park District will turn off the water soon.
 - The gate repair request was submitted July 27th to CPD. It still awaits repair.
 - Usual cleanups and checks are ongoing. The committee will continue to work to relocate the mulch buildup from the south end to the center of the DFA.

Stewardship Committee:

- There will be fall prep stewardship events at Horner Park on Saturday 10/8, and at Buffalo and Manor parks on Saturday 10/15. Eventbrite pages were set up for each.
- A bench was reported as broken at Manor Park; a repair request was submitted.
- A bench is broken at Horner Park, it has been reported.

Communications Committee:

- The Google Calendar was updated and shared with relevant parties who can directly update the calendar with their events

Website Committee:

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

Nominating Committee:

- No report.

New Business:

- There will be a 312 RiverRun meeting in late November. The date is to be determined.
- John O. wants HPAC to think about improving the memorial area at Horner Park.

Old Business:

- There has been no update about the softball fields.

Announcements:

- The Bonfire and Loose Parts Palooza Party will be October 25, from 5-7pm.

Motion to Adjourn:

Alan motioned to adjourn at 7:51; John O. seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting will be November 2 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse.