

**Horner Park Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday November 2, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.  
Meeting conducted at the Horner Park Fieldhouse**

**Attendees:**

Erica Beutler  
Daniel Honigman  
Larry Hodak  
Amy Jahnke  
Alan Mueller  
Peter Schlossman  
Sarah Bethel (Spark Montessori)  
Carlton Jones (HPNWLL)  
David Post (HPNWLL)  
Lola Post (HPNWLL)  
Deb Groh (Chicago Park District)

**Peter called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.**

**Review of October 2022 Minutes:**

- Daniel motioned to approve the September minutes. Erica seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

**Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:**

- There was little activity in the HPAC accounts this month except for the DFA (Dog Friendly Area) fundraiser. Financial reports will follow under separate cover.

**Park Briefs:**

- **Horner Park:**
  - **Nature Play Space:**
    - Bonfire and Loose Parts Palooza Party: The event went well, despite the short notice; there were around 100 attendees throughout the evening.
    - It was noticed during the event setup that someone stole three tree stumps; those stumps will be replaced.
  - **Exercise Equipment Progress:**

- Deb is waiting for information from the Chicago Park District (the recently appointed project manager left); the designer is hoping to send plans soon. Unfortunately, costs may go up; the new amount is TBD.
- **Walking Path Repair:**
  - The repair has started in the main parking lot; the fenced-off area will be for staging and will be closed for a while. They are working on the parkway and pathway until the weather no longer permits. It will be completed in the spring. (The parking lot will likely be closed in the winter.)
- **Bottle Filler:**
  - In progress.
- **Elevator Repair:**
  - The current estimate is that it will be completed in several months.
- **Lathe Bases for Wood Shop:**
  - Eric requested two lathe bases at roughly \$50 apiece. Diane made a motion to approve the expenditure of roughly \$110 for them. Alan seconded. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.
- **Turkey Trot:**
  - The one-mile run will be held Saturday, November 19 at 9am.
  - Erica made a motion for up to \$100 to be spent on candy and prizes. Peter seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion passed.
  - Deb to reach out to Go Run about getting participant email addresses.
  - Amy made a motion via email after the meeting to spend up to \$200 for the event due to increased attendance; Diane seconded. All were in favor, with none opposed. The motion passed.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
  - **Kiosk maintenance:**
    - Deb will put in a request to stain the kiosk this winter.
- **Jacob Playlot Park:**
  - There seems to be an abundance of toys scattered on the ground, which may prevent maintenance (e.g., mowing).
- **Sunken Gardens**
  - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
  - No report.

#### **Farmer's Market Committee:**

- We were sold out for 70% of the season and had a wait list for available market spaces. Attendance was up overall. Our vendors reported that sales were up. Our new vendors were happy and interested in coming back.
- We made a few changes this year. We extended our market season by 2 weeks, holding 20 markets this season instead of our usual 18. We offered a stipend to our musicians.

- Kudos to Gretchen and the Farmer's Market Committee members for making the 2022 season awesome. This market could not happen without their time and energy, and we are grateful for them.
- The full 2022 season-end report was sent under separate cover.

#### **Concerts Committee:**

- The Concerts Committee distributed a survey and received a handful of responses. We will take the feedback under advisement as we determine the next steps.
- We are still looking for a few people to help with next year's shows, mainly with passing out the books and setting up lights at shows. Contact Jay Lyon at [jay@lyoncommunications.com](mailto:jay@lyoncommunications.com) to learn more and volunteer.
- Next season we will have our first Grammy-winning artist – stay tuned for details.
- The committee does not intend to purchase a new PA for HPAC. We will use a sound engineer who provides the equipment and is trained to use it correctly. Running audio is a skill and using a professional makes for a better show for both the audience and the artist. (Buying a system of the caliber of the one that we've been enjoying for the past two years would also be cost-prohibitive.)

#### **Horner BrewFest Committee:**

- No report.

#### **Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:**

- **Fundraising:**
  - The Howl-O-Ween party was a success, raising more than \$1,200 for the DFA.
  - Calendar sales kicked off and will continue through the end of the year.
  - The DFA will run an end-of-year capital campaign, with a \$1,000 donor match.
- **Build and Maintenance:**
  - The front gate latch was repaired.
  - No word on plan or costs to bring electricity to make fountains operational.
  - Regular maintenance continues with discussion around spring mulching.

#### **Stewardship Committee:**

- Tali Gorovoy organized a cleanup at Horner Park on October 8.
- John O'Connell organized a cleanup and bulb planting at Ravenswood Manor Park on October 15. Parts of the branch fence were improved.
- Peter Schlossman and Sara Zimmerman organized a bulb planting and garden preparation day at Buffalo Park on October 15.
- Tali Gorovoy has informed us of an impending move and will no longer be engaged at Horner Park. She hopes to channel her incredible desire and energy towards Grant Park, nearer to her new home. We wish Tali well and thank her for her efforts.

- Larry Hodak has offered to do some stewardship for the east side of Manor Park.
- Ceriale Memorial upgrades were discussed.

#### **Communications Committee:**

- Set up a Facebook event for Loose Parts/ Nature Play space party. The event date was changed with one day's notice, so a new Facebook event was created and shared with neighborhood Facebook groups.

#### **Website Committee:**

- Minutes through September 2022 have been posted on the HPAC website ([hornerpark.org](http://hornerpark.org)).

#### **Nominating Committee:**

- Report sent under separate cover.

#### **New Business:**

- Strategic planning meeting: Mid-January to February timeframe.
- Erica suggested exploring a car charging station. HPAC will determine the Chicago Park District policy.

#### **Old Business:**

- There has been no update about the softball fields.
- There will be a 312 RiverRun meeting in late November. The date is to be determined.

#### **Announcements:**

- None.

#### **Motion to Adjourn:**

Daniel motioned to adjourn at 8:12pm; Amy seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

#### **Next Monthly Meeting:**

The next HPAC meeting is tentatively planned for December 7 @ 7:00 p.m.; the location and date are to be confirmed