

**Horner Park Advisory Council
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday December 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting conducted at John Friedmann's house**

Attendees:

Erica Beutler
Janet Friedmann
John Friedmann
Daniel Honigman
Jay Lyon
Ben Marden
Diane Sutliff
Peter Schlossman
Alan Thatcher

Peter called the meeting to order at 9:15 p.m.

Review of November 2022 Minutes:

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

Annual Report Review:

- The annual report was distributed. All officers and committee leads should provide feedback as soon as possible.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report:

- November had little financial activity, except for continuing fundraising for the DFA.
- You will notice a large "expense" in Miscellaneous for a counterfeit check presented against our money market account. It was reversed as of December 6, and that temporary loss will be credited back in the next monthly Treasurer's Report. The Finance committee is considering switching banks to better protect HPAC funds.
- The annual IRS 990-EZ Form for FYE 9/2022 (due 2/28/2023) was completed and awaits final signatures.
- The 1099-NEC forms and Form 1096 are being prepared and will be sent by the deadline of 1/31/2023.

Park Briefs:

- **Horner Park:**
 - **Nature Play Space:**
 - Some debris that was there was cleaned up.
 - **Exercise Equipment Progress:**
 - A letter was sent out to request the extra \$30K to cover increased costs.
 - **Walking Path Repair:**
 - Thanks to the Chicago Park District for fixing part of the walk on the east side. The remainder is scheduled for completion at a later date.
 - **Bottle Filler:**
 - No report.
 - **Elevator Repair:**
 - No report.
 - **Lathe Bases for Wood Shop:**
 - They were purchased and delivered.
 - **Turkey Trot:**
 - The event was successful and well attended.
 - **Other:**
 - Horner Park is officially investigating the potential to be designated as a “mini arboretum,” due to the diversity of trees. John F. will present more at the February meeting.
- **Ravenswood Manor Park:**
 - **Kiosk Maintenance:**
 - No report.
- **Jacob Playlot Park:**
 - No report.
- **Sunken Gardens**
 - No report.
- **Buffalo Park:**
 - No report.

Farmer’s Market Committee:

- No report.

Concerts Committee:

- The Concert Committee has gotten an early start on 2023. We’ll be setting up a committee meeting in January hoping to get additional volunteers.
- The 2023 season will include Grammy-winning artist Frank Catalano, who just played at the Hollywood Bowl with The Smashing Pumpkins (his latest album is Grammy-nominated), a night of blues from Delmark Records artists, a night featuring local original music from Ft. Knox Studios, and some other original artists we’re in contact with.
- Rounding out the series will be a cover band or two, a performance by Le Ballet Petit and another stellar Narloch piano recital.

Horner BrewFest Committee:

- No report.

Dog Friendly Area (DFA) Committee:

- **Fundraising:**
 - The calendar campaign has been successful to date; about 20 remain.
 - The end-of-year capital campaign was successful, with a \$1,000 anonymous donor match.
 - The donor also received a \$1,000 match from their employer, for a double match.
 - The committee is considering an April 1 date for Doggie Egg Hunt.
- **Build and Maintenance:**
 - The front gate latch was repaired in November.
 - No word on plan or costs to bring electricity to make fountains operational.
 - Regular cleanups continue. Spring mulching is currently being discussed.

Stewardship Committee:

- Spring cleanups on Earth Day or subsequent Saturdays were engaged in at all parks.
- New daffodil bulbs in Manor Park parkways around trees in 2021 blossomed, as did new additions to the parkway bulbs in Buffalo.
- Repairs were made to the branch fence in Manor, and weeds were kept in control.
- Two clean-ups in Horner were staged over the summer.
- Watering in all parks was maintained.
- A fall prep day in two parks included more bulbs planted in Manor and Buffalo.
- Larry Hodak will help steward the Manor native path.

Communications Committee:

- No December 2022 report.
- To close the year, HPAC continued to promote park news and events via emails to our Mailchimp list and Facebook postings. Occasionally, we shared events and news on our website. Plans to redo our website are still in the works.
- The council's executive team will meet this coming January to create a communication plan for 2023 with the goal of increasing community involvement in HPAC.

Website Committee:

- Minutes through October 2022 are live on the HPAC website (hornerpark.org).

Nominating Committee:

- A planning session will be scheduled (likely one Saturday in January) regarding new member outreach efforts (e.g., communication).

- Current considerations include location and facilitation; Daniel introduced John O. and Peter to a potential facilitator.

New Business:

- Erica thanks the Friedmanns for hosting the holiday meeting.
- Peter thanks all committee chairs and the executives for a productive 2022.

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.
- The backstops for softball fields #7 and #8 are on the participatory budgeting ballot. This is separate from the turf field proposal.

Motion to Adjourn:

Peter motioned to adjourn at 9:52pm; Erica seconded. All were in favor, none opposed. The motion carried.

Next Monthly Meeting:

The next HPAC meeting is tentatively planned for February 1 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Horner Park Fieldhouse