

Minutes
Village of Homer Glen
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
Monday, May 23, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
Village Board Room, 14917 S. Founders Crossing

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Co-Chairperson Christina Neitzke-Troiike.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Present: Co-Chairpersons Christina Neitzke-Troiike and Sharon Sweas, Members Dale Janssen, Bob Kman, Russ Knaack, Marty Oster, Regina Robinson, Kyle Sanders, and Ed Cryer. Absent: Cassandra Courtright.
Present on behalf of Village of Homer Glen staff: Facilities Manager John Robinson and Administrative Analyst Sean Keane.

D. Approval of Amendments to Agenda

E. Approval of Minutes

Member Kman made a motion to approve the Committee's minutes of March 28, 2016; seconded by Member Oster. All Aye. *Motion Passed.*

F. Chairpersons Report

Co-Chair Neitzke-Troiike informed the Committee that the agreement with Planning Resources, Inc. for master park planning services for the park was approved at the May 18 Village Board meeting. The planning process will begin once the contract is executed.

G. Village Staff Report- Specific Parks and Recreation Project Updates

1. Park Maintenance Update

Facilities Manager John Robinson requested feedback from the Committee regarding mulching and weed and feed treatment at the Village's park properties.

The Committee directed Facilities Manager Robinson to use woodchips rather than mulch at the parks. The Village will obtain woodchips from the Homer Township Highway Department at no cost.

The Committee directed Facilities Manager Robinson to use weed and feed treatment only at the Village's developed parks (Erin Hills Park, Kingston Hills Park, Stonebridge Park, and Village Hall Park). Facilities Manager Robinson stated that this expense was budgeted for in the Village's Park and Recreation Fund.

Member Knaack stated that the parking lot at Stonebridge needs to be re-surfaced and re-striped. Furthermore, Member Knaack suggested that lights could be installed at the parks to deter vandalism.

H. Old Business

1. Heroes Trail Network Signage

Member Knaack stated that he met with Laurel Ward of the Homer Glen Foundation to go over the breakdown of the trail system. The colors red, yellow, and blue should be avoided in the signage so they are not mistaken for pipeline or utility markers.

Facilities Manager Robinson stated that the ComEd review for the trail posts could take up to 6 – 8 months.

The Committee was in agreement that the posts should be dual-sided and 4-feet in height.

The Committee discussed how the future 159th Street multi-purpose path would be incorporated into the trail system. This segment would likely not be named after a branch of the military. The Village will need to determine what IDOT signage requirements will allow for this segment of the trail system.

The Committee discussed the placement of the trail posts. The Committee agreed that 4 foot, dual-sided posts would be placed every mile. Decals would mark every quarter or half mile.

Co-Chairperson Neitzke-Troiike will research what colors could be used to identify the trail segments named after military branches. The Committee will need to finalize the breakdown of the trail system so that a plan for the trail signage can be submitted to IDOT for review.

I. New Business

1. Consider for Approval the Establishment of a Park Donation Sub-Committee of the Village's Parks and Recreation Committee

Co-Chairperson Neitzke-Troiike made a motion to establish a Park Donation Sub-Committee of the Village's Parks and Recreation Committee; seconded by Member Kman. All Aye. *Motion Passed.*

2. Miscellaneous Items

Member Knaack suggested that the Parks and Recreation Committee collaborate with the newly re-established Community and Economic Development Committee to create a Heroes Trail business discount program. Patrons of Homer Glen businesses that use the Heroes Trail could potentially receive a discount from partner "bike-friendly" businesses.

J. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

K. Adjournment

Member Cryer made a motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting, seconded by member Kman, all Aye. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sean Keane