

Minutes  
Village of Homer Glen  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
Monday, March 28, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.  
Village Board Room, 14917 S. Founders Crossing

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**A. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:35 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, Cassandra Courtright, Bob Kman, Russ Knaack, Marty Oster, Regina Robinson, Kyle Sanders, and Jerry Young. Absent: Ed Cryer. Present on behalf of Village of Homer Glen staff: Development Services Director Salamowicz 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 February 29, 2016; seconded by Member Janssen. Co-Chairperson Neitzke-Troiike abstained. *Motion Passed.*

**F. Chairpersons Report**

Co-Chair Neitzke-Troiike informed the Committee that the Village Board accepted a proposal from Planning Resources, Inc. (PRI) at the March 23 Village Board meeting for professional services related to the creation of a master park development plan for the village hall park. Furthermore, a copy of the complete PRI proposal was passed around for the Committee members to view.

Co-Chair Neitzke-Troiike requested that Member Robinson provide more information regarding the donation of the bricks from the volunteer firehouse for use at the village hall park. Member Robinson stated that the owner of the property requested a letter from the Committee and the Mayor explaining the request and what the bricks would be used for.

**G. Village Staff Report- Specific Parks and Recreation Project Updates****1. Park Maintenance Update**

Development Services Director Salamowicz provided an update regarding park maintenance.

The Committee has previously discussed partnering with the Homer Glen foundation to install signage along the Heroes Trail system. Village staff is requesting that the Foundation obtain drawings of the signage to be forwarded to ComEd.

The ADA swing at Stonebridge Park still needs to be repaired and re-installed.

The Village Board recently approved a park equipment purchase that will allow Village staff to eliminate contracted services and complete landscaping and maintenance of the Village's parks and trails "in-house".

Development of the Goodings Grove park is still on hold due to the State of Illinois Budget impasse. The Village is awaiting a pending OSLAD grant that was previously approved by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The South Extension of the Village's Heroes Trail is close to completion. The trail should be open in the coming weeks, depending on the weather.

The Goodings Grove extension of the Village's Heroes Trail phase 2 engineering contract was signed and is awaiting IDOT approval. Construction of this extension could begin this year or spring, 2017.

A phase I engineering proposal contract for the potential construction of a sidewalk along 143<sup>rd</sup> Street will be brought to the Public Services and Safety Committee. Village staff will seek grant funding for this project.

Staff has applied for a grant through the Openlands ComEd Green Region Program for funding the west extension to the Heroes Trail. This extension would start at the Trail's current terminus at Heatherwood Drive and extend west to the area near the village

hall park. The Village will be notified in June if the project was selected for grant funding.

## **H. Old Business**

### **1. Village Hall Park Naming Recommendation**

The Committee was in agreement to recommend the following six names to be considered by the Village Board: Heritage Park, Homer Glen Village Green, Homer Glen Community Park, Veterans Park, Inspiration Park, and Harmony Park.

### **2. Discussion Regarding the Potential Creation of a Park Donation / Foundation Sub-Committee**

The Committee was in agreement that members Jerry Young, Kyle Sanders, Bob Kman, Cassandra Courtright, and Dale Janssen will be members of the sub-committee. The Parks and Recreation Committee will formally establish the sub-committee at their next meeting. The intent of the sub-committee would be to serve as a liaison between the Homer Glen Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Committee.

## **I. New Business**

Co-Chairperson Neitzke-Troiike will be reporting at the Village Board meetings on behalf the Parks and Recreation Committee. If any committee member would like anything included in the report, please contact Christina.

Member Knaack stated that he likes the name 'Heritage Park' and also naming other individual parts of the park.

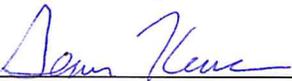
**J. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**K. Adjournment**

Member Kman made a motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting, seconded by member Knaack, all Aye. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Sean Keane