

Minutes  
Village of Homer Glen  
**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Monday, August 22, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.  
Community Room, 14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street

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**A. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Co-Chairperson Christina Neitzke-Troike.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call; Establish Quorum**

Present were Co-Chairs Christina Neitzke-Troike and Sharon Sweas and Committee members Dale Janssen, Ed Cryer, Bob Kman, Russ Knaack, Marty Oster, Regina Robinson, Kyle Sanders, and John Walters. 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- July 25, 2016**

Member Knaack requested that the minutes reflect him stating that there may be the opportunity for the Village to work with the School District to find and acquire parkland based on the needs assessment.

Member Janssen made a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee's minutes of July 25, 2016 under the condition that Member Knaack's changes were made part of the official record; seconded by Member Kman. All Aye. *Motion passed unanimously.*

**F. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**G. Report from Chairpersons**

Co-Chair Sweas reported that the Heritage Park Open House is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 20 at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Furthermore, PRI is in the process of conducting stakeholder meetings to gather input on the project.

PRI has been experiencing technical difficulties with launching the mySidewalk public engagement tool and is working to address these issues to get the site up and running.

## **H. Old Business**

### **1. Update from Park Donation Sub-Committee Chairperson**

Chairperson Bob Kman of the Park Donation Sub-Committee updated the Committee on progress made at their August 15 meeting. A tri-fold brochure that was drafted by the sub-committee was distributed to the committee members for their review. Several improvements to the brochure were discussed, including adding the Homer Glen Foundation's logo as well as revising the title of the brochure to be more eye catching. Furthermore, the Committee discussed the possibility of having permanent plaques for tree donations.

### **2. Discussion Regarding Heroes Trail Mile Marker Posts and Signage**

Discussion occurred regarding the need to create a logo for the Heroes Trail System that would be included on each mile marker post and any other trail signage. Member Kman presented several examples of trail logos to the Committee. Member Knaack drafted an example of what the Heroes Trail logo could look like. The Committee directed Staff Liaison Keane to contract a Graphic Designer to draft logo concepts for the Committee's review at the next meeting.

Member Kman walked along several portions of the trail system to measure out quarter-mile increments along the trail. He would like to test the post locations for visibility by placing a temporary stake in the locations.

Member Knaack stated that the trail segments would be broken up according to the different branches of the military, designated by colored reflectors on the mile marker posts:

- Army segment= black reflector
- Marines= Scarlet

- Air Force= Ultra Marine Blue
- Navy= Dark Blue
- Coast Guard= White

## **I. New Business**

1. Discussion Regarding Amending the Park Rules and Regulations (Ordinance Number 12-032) of the Village of Homer Glen, Illinois.

The Committee discussed potential revisions to the Park Rules and Regulations Ordinance, specifically including a clause restricting the commercial use of park properties. Staff Liaison Keane will research other communities' park rules for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

2. Discussion Regarding Choosing a Location for the Annual Homer Glen Land's Day Tree Planting.

Every year, the Environment Committee coordinates a tree planting in celebration of the Annual Homer Glen Land's Day. Co-Chair Sweas requested that the Parks & Recreation Committee suggest potential locations for the tree. Committee members were asked to email ideas to Co-Chair Sweas.

3. Update on Goodings Grove Park Development.

The Village Board will be discussing the Goodings Grove Park development during a workshop at the upcoming Village Board meeting on August 24. If the Village opts to complete the park at this time, and the State of Illinois releases the grant funds in the future, the Village will be reimbursed in accordance with the approved grant. However, should the Village complete the park and the grant funds are not released in the future, the Village would not be reimbursed for the construction costs. Member Knaack stated that there could potentially be other opportunities for park development, besides Goodings Grove Park. Co-Chair Sweas expressed her concern for the potential of vandalism because the park is so secluded.

## **J. Village Staff Report**

### **1. Facilities Manager's Updates**

#### **a) Miscellaneous Items**

Facilities Manager Robinson updated the Committee on various facilities maintenance issues. The tennis and basketball court lights at Stonebridge Park were repaired. The child swings at Stonebridge Park were repaired and a new child swing is forthcoming at Erin Hills Park. The water fountain at Stonebridge Park was repaired.

Member Janssen asked if the flags are going to be installed at Stonebridge Park. Facilities Manager Robinson stated that the flags would be installed once lighting is ordered and installed.

Member Janssen asked if a flashing sign will be installed at the 151<sup>st</sup> Street trail crossing. Member Knaack stated that the flashing sign causes more confusion than it's worth. Facilities Manager Robinson stated that stop signs have been placed on the trail at all crossings. Furthermore, locks have been ordered for the bollards to prevent ATVs and other motor vehicles from entering the trail.

## **K. Committee Member Updates**

Member Robinson suggested that Committee members watch a segment from the August 17 WGN News broadcast about a handicapped accessible playground that was constructed at Hillcrest Elementary School in Downers Grove by a Company called Dream, Build, Play.

Member Knaack stated that the 151<sup>st</sup> Street Corridor should include a bike path as part of the forthcoming widening and reconstruction project.

Member Kman reminded Committee members that the annual Mike Hike is scheduled for Saturday, November 5 on the Heroes Trail.

**L. Adjournment**

Member Kman made a motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting, seconded by Member Cryer, all Aye. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Keane", written over a horizontal line.

Sean Keane

*Administrative Analyst*