

Minutes
Village of Homer Glen
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, September 26, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
Community Room, 14240 W. 151st Street

A. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Co-Chairperson Sharon Sweas.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Present at 6:30 p.m. was Co-Chair Sharon Sweas and Committee members Dale Janssen, Bob Kman, Russell Knaack, Marty Oster, Regina Robinson, Kyle Sanders, Cassandra Courtright and John Walters. Member Ed Cryer arrived at 6:58 p.m. Members Absent: Co-Chair Christina Neitzke-Troiike. 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- August 22, 2016

Member Kman made a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee's meeting minutes of August 22, 2016; seconded by Member Oster. All Aye. *Motion passed unanimously.*

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

G. Report from Chairpersons

Co-Chair Sweas reported that the Committee will need to establish their regular meeting date and time for 2017. This will be discussed and approved at a future Committee meeting.

A flag raising ceremony will tentatively take place on Friday, November 11 at Stonebridge Park. All are welcome to attend. More details will be announced as they become available.

H. Old Business

1. Discussion Regarding Heroes Trail System Logo

Member Kman presented a series of draft logo concepts that were designed by a resident volunteer. Furthermore, Staff Liaison Keane presented a series of draft logo concepts for the Committee's review.

Discussion occurred regarding the design of the logo. The Committee was in agreement to move forward with redesigning one of the logo concepts presented by Staff Liaison Keane, including the following changes: include "Village of Homer Glen" along the top arc of the logo, remove the red stars from the logo and remove the walker from the logo.

The Committee will review and discuss the revised draft logo concepts at the next Committee meeting.

2. Discussion Regarding Heroes Trail Mile Marker Posts and Signage

There was no update regarding the Heroes Trail mile marker posts and signage.

3. Heritage Park Project Update

a.) Open House Recap

Co-Chair Sweas presented a recap of the Heritage Park Open House that took place on September 20. The purpose of the Open House was for the Village's consultant, Planning Resources, to gather input on the potential features of Heritage Park and provide updates on other factors of the planning process. The presentation slides that were shown by Planning Resources at the Open House were also presented to the Committee.

Member Robinson stated that paths should be included on the North end of the park to provide linkages and access to the Park besides the entrance on 151st Street.

Member Knaack distributed a list of excerpts from the Parks and Recreation Master Plan that he felt highlighted the need for including more active recreation amenities in the Heritage Park concept plan.

Member Knaack stated that the Master Plan is a good guiding document for Parks and Recreation in the Village. Furthermore, Member Knaack stated that the needs assessment plan that was conducted by the Committee should be considered when formulating the concept plan for Heritage Park.

Member Walters suggested that open areas could also serve as athletic practice fields.

The Committee was in agreement that all paths and amenities will need to be screened with natural buffers for the residences surrounding Heritage Park.

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

Staff Liaison Keane presented a summary of commercial use regulations and park rules from other communities / park districts. The Village's Park Rules Ordinance does not explicitly prohibit commercial use of the facilities; however, it does prohibit the commercial use of park facilities "without a permit." Furthermore, the Ordinance outlines procedures for permitting despite the Village not actively permitting the park facilities. The Committee will discuss this more at the next Committee meeting.

5. Park Donation Program Update

There was no update regarding the park donation program.

6. Goodings Grove Park Development Update

The OSLAD Grant that was previously on hold through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, was released and the Village will be moving forward with the park development. More details regarding the final design and eventual bid process will be discussed at future Committee meetings.

I. New Business

There was no new business.

J. Village Staff Report

Facilities Manager Robinson informed the Committee that vandalism occurred at Kingston Hills Park and Erin Hills Park. Facilities Maintenance staff are working to address the vandalism at both of the parks.

Member Kman made a motion to direct Mr. Robinson to remove the “No Fishing” signs and install “Catch and Release” signs in their place at Heritage Park; seconded by Member Cryer. All Aye. *Motion Passed Unanimously.*

K. Committee Member Updates

There were no committee member updates.

L. Adjournment

Member Kman made a motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting, seconded by Member Cryer, all Aye. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sean Keane

Administrative Analyst