

Minutes
Village of Homer Glen
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, January 16, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Community Room, 14240 W. 151st Street

A. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Co-Chairperson Sharon Sweas.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call; Establish Quorum

Present at 6:31 p.m. was Committee Co-Chair Sharon Sweas and members Dale Janssen, Ed Cryer, Russel Knaack, Cassandra Courtright, Regina Robinson and Bob Kman. Absent: Co-Chair Christina Neitzke-Troiike and members Marty Oster, Kyle Sanders and John Walters. Present on behalf of Village of Homer Glen staff: Facilities Manager John Robinson and Administrative Analyst Sean Keane.

D. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda

E. Approval of Minutes

Member Kman made a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee's minutes of November 28, 2016; seconded by Member Cryer. All Aye. *Motion passed unanimously.*

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

G. Report from Co-Chairs

Co-Chair Sweas asked the Committee if they would be willing to reschedule the next Parks meeting to February 13 because February 20 is a village holiday. An email will be sent to the Committee to determine if members are available.

Village staff members will be attending a Conference hosted by the Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association on Thursday, January 19.

H. Specific Parks and Recreation Project Updates

1. Heritage Park Project Update

a. Conceptual Plans

The Village's consultant, Planning Resources (PRI) is continuing to refine the concept plan for Heritage Park. Phase one of the park development could include the park roadway, the village green and the storm water detention infrastructure. PRI is anticipated to complete a final concept plan in the coming weeks.

b. Grant Funding

Co-Chair Sweas informed the Committee that the Village received notice of being an award finalist for the Illinois EPA 319 Grant. The grant would cover costs associated with wetland restoration and the construction of bio swales.

I. Old Business

1. Discussion Regarding Amending the Park Rules and Regulations (Ordinance No. 12-032) of the Village of Homer Glen, Illinois.

The Committee had no immediate revisions to the Ordinance, however, the Ordinance will likely have to be revised as Heritage Park and other parks are developed.

J. New Business

Member Knaack stated that the Committee should develop a parks priority list. A list does exist but it needs to be looked at again and discussed by the Committee. Member Knaack will email the list to the Committee so it can be discussed at the February Committee meeting.

K. Village Staff Report

1. Facilities Manager's Update

a. Mutt Mitt Stations

Member Cryer made a motion to approve the purchase and placement of three mutt mitt stations for the north branch of the Heroes Trail; seconded by Member Kman. All Aye. *Motion passed unanimously.*

Facilities Manager John Robinson discussed a plan to place mutt mitt stations along the Heroes Trail system. Littering and dog waste has become a problem along the trail. The stations would have a bag dispenser, sign, and small garbage can. The Committee also discussed other options for the stations, including using larger

garbage cans. If placed at all street crossings along the trail system, there would be a total of 16 stations. Mr. Robinson stated that by having the stations placed at the street crossings, staff could more easily access the stations to empty the garbage cans.

b. Miscellaneous Items

Mr. Robinson stated that the Village's facilities maintenance crew is in the off-season. Staff is replacing several of the swings at the parks.

Mr. Robinson stated that he is meeting with the Village Arborist to go over a landscape plan for Erin Hills and Stonebridge Parks.


L. Committee Member Updates

There were no committee member updates.

M. Adjournment

Member Courtright made a motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting, seconded by Member Knaack, all Aye. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sean Keane

Administrative Analyst