

Minutes  
Village of Homer Glen  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**  
Monday, February 13, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.  
Village Board Room, 14240 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street

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**A. Call to Order**

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

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

**C. Roll Call; Establish Quorum**

Present at 6:31 p.m. were Committee Co-Chairs Sharon Sweas and Christina Neitzke-Troiike and members Dale Janssen, Cassandra Courtright, Ed Cryer, Russ Knaack, Regina Robinson, and John Walters. Absent: Members Bob Kman, Marty Oster, and Kyle Sanders. 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**

The committee was in agreement to amend the agenda to include item J.4, to have Village staff discuss their recent Parks and Recreation Conference in Chicago.

**E. Approval of Minutes**

Member Courtright made a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee's minutes of January 16, 2017; seconded by Member Janssen. All Aye. *Motion passed unanimously.*

**F. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**G. Report from Co-Chairs**

There was no chairpersons' report.

**H. Specific Parks and Recreation Project Updates**

1. Heritage Park

Village staff presented the draft concept implementation strategy map that was prepared by Planning Resources. Preliminary plans for phase one include the park circulation road, the west parking lot, the Village

green and the detention basins and bioswales along the eastern edge of the property. The Village received notice of being an award finalist for Illinois EPA 319 Grant funding.

2. Goodings Grove Park

Construction on the Goodings Grove Park is anticipated to begin in Spring or Summer of this year. An Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant was awarded in 2013 in the amount of \$171,000.00. The overall park development is expected to cost approximately \$420,000.00.

3. Heroes Trail Goodings Grove Extension

Village staff is submitting an application to the 2017 ComEd Green Regions grant program. The grant, if awarded to the Village, would be in the amount of \$10,000.00. The Village has already been awarded CMAQ grant funding in the amount of \$249,600.00.

**I. Old Business**

There was no old business.

**J. New Business**

1. Annual Review of SOP No. 001 List of Items, Projects, Etc. and Standing Committees to Which Consideration of These Items Shall Be Sent

The Committee discussed the need for more specific descriptions for this S.O.P. Member Cryer made a motion to approve S.O.P No. 001 List of Items, Projects, Etc. and Standing Committees to Which Consideration of These Items Shall Be Sent (as presented); seconded by Member Knaack. All Aye. *Motion passed unanimously.*

2. Earth Day ~ Arbor Day Volunteers

Co-Chair Sweas announced that the Village is seeking volunteers for the annual Earth Day ~ Arbor Day event, scheduled for Saturday, May 20 at Konow's Farm. People interested in volunteering should contact the Village Hall at 708-301-0632.

**\*\*Co-Chair Sweas excused herself from the Committee meeting at 6:58 p.m.\*\***

3. Discussion Regarding Future Park Priorities

Member Knaack provided the committee with the *Park Site Prioritization of Neighborhood Parks* and the *Site Analysis for Neighborhood Parks* spreadsheets. The Committee was in favor of updating these spreadsheets and continuing discussion at future meetings. Village staff will update the spreadsheets for a future discussion.

4. Parks and Recreation Conference

Village staff members attended the *Soaring to New Heights Conference* on January 19. The conference, which is co-sponsored by the Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Parks and Recreation Association, featured various parks and recreation professionals. Staff walked around the exhibitor hall with Planning Resources staff to speak with some of the vendors and learn about the potential amenities available on the market.

**K. Village Staff Report**

1. Facilities Manager's Update

Facilities Manager Robinson showed images of the new mutt mitt stations that were installed along the north branch of the Heroes Trail. The Village has received positive resident feedback on the installation of these stations.

Member Courtright asked if there were any plans to resurface the Erin Hills Park trail. Facilities Manager Robinson stated that repairs to the Erin Hills Park trail will be budgeted for in the upcoming Fiscal Year.

Member Cryer asked if there were plans to resurface the tennis and basketball courts at Stonebridge Park. Facilities Manager Robinson stated that only temporary repairs would likely be made at this time.


**L. Committee Member Updates**

Member Walters commented on the amount of dog waste at the Northeast corner of Heritage Park.

**M. Adjournment**

Member Cryer made a motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting, seconded by Member Knaack, all Aye. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Sean Keane

*Administrative Analyst*