

Minutes  
Village of Homer Glen  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**  
Monday, March 20, 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 Cassandra Courtright, Ed Cryer, Russ Knaack, Regina Robinson, John Walters, and Marty Oster. Absent: Members Dale Janssen, Bob Kman, and Kyle Sanders. Present on behalf of Village of Homer Glen staff: Administrative Analyst Sean Keane.

**D. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda**

**E. Approval of Minutes**

Member Courtright made a motion to approve the Parks and Recreation Committee's minutes of February 13, 2017; seconded by Member Cryer. All Aye. *Motion passed unanimously.*

**F. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**G. Report from Co-Chairs**

Trustee Sweas announced that the Village of Homer Glen started an official Facebook page and encouraged committee members to 'like' the page to stay informed about village matters.

Trustee Sweas announced that the Environment Committee selected Erin Hills Park to be the site of the annual Arbor Day tree planting. This year, an Evergreen tree was selected for the planting. The tree planting will likely occur at the end of April. Details will be made available to the Committee and the public when they are confirmed.

## H. Specific Parks and Recreation Project Updates

### 1. Heritage Park

#### a) Recap of March 8 Village Board Workshop

Trustee Neitzke-Troiike updated the Committee and distributed copies of the Heritage Park concept plan report to the Committee members. The report is also posted on the Village's website. Phase I will include the following components:

- Circulation (roads and path) and west parking lot.
- Village green and underground utility work.
- Storm water detention and work related to the ILEPA 319 Grant.

Proposals for engineering design services for Phase I of the project will be considered for approval at the April 5 Administration and Finance Committee meeting and ultimately the April 12 Village Board meeting. Construction is anticipated to take place in summer and fall of 2017.

Member Knaack suggested that the Village have a long term implementation plan for the park rather than the different component areas.

Trustees Neitzke-Troiike and Sweas requested that committee members email their comments regarding the funding strategies and phasing of the Heritage Park development.

### 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. Village staff recently met with the equipment vendor to ensure that the previously-selected site furnishings were still available.

### 3. Heroes Trail Goodings Grove Extension

Village staff is finalizing the bid documents for this project and will go out to bid for construction this summer. Staff applied for the ComEd Green Regions Grant program and is awaiting a decision on the award.

**I. Old Business**

1. Park Site Prioritization

Village staff updated the park site prioritization spreadsheet that was last updated in 2010. This spreadsheet outlines the current park facilities operated by the Village and shows areas of the Village that lack park space.

2. Earth Day ~ Arbor Day Volunteers

Trustee Sweas stated that the Village is seeking volunteers for the Annual Earth Day ~ Arbor Day event scheduled for Saturday, May 20. Anyone interested in volunteering for the event should contact Sue Steilen at the Village Hall.

**J. New Business**

There was no new business.

**K. Village Staff Report**

There was no Village staff report.

**L. Committee Member Updates**

There were no committee member updates.

**M. Adjournment**

Member Kaack made a motion to adjourn the Committee Meeting, seconded by Member Cryer, all Aye. *Motion passed.* Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sean Keane

*Administrative Analyst*