

Parks & Recreation Committee

Minutes of the Meeting

on

September 1, 2023

**Village of Homer Glen
14240 W 151st Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491
Village Community Room**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 9:59 a.m. by Chairperson Rose Reynders.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Present at 9:59 a.m. were Chair Trustee Reynders, Members Bob Kman, Russell Knaack, Matt Hosteny, and Amy Blank.

Committee Members who arrived late: Dan Kenney 10:03 a.m. and Dale Janssen 10:19 a.m.

Also Present: Committee Secretary Ashley Kocolowski, Parks Coordinator Jennifer Vittori, Village Engineer Brett Westcott, and Events Coordinator Jacquelyn Huff.

Members Absent: Nichole La Ha and Marcie Gorak.

Ashley Kocolowski will be taking over staff liaison for Parks Committee.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda- none.

5. Approval of Minutes- none.

6. Public Comment- none.

- 1. Reports from Chairs.** – Trustee Reynders would like to put together a plan for the park. She mentioned we keep talking about the water feature, pavilion, and all these other things and the board would like to see where this is on the plan. Trustee Reynders would like to focus on one item at a time and then get it out for bid. She said we keep doing the same thing over and over again and now we are becoming unproductive. She would like to focus on getting everything redrawn on the map. She also stated we do not have to use TRIA Architect.

2. Old Business

a. Discussion about the Placement of Veterans Memorial:

- The Board does not want to vary to much from the master plan.
- Member Russell Knaack felt the board thinks we were just piecing the master plan together.

- Member Dan Kenney thinks the board just wants us to have a plan and not vary too much from the plan. He also said there is flexibility to change stuff but not too much.
- Trustee Reynders stated if we work within the master plan, the utilities will be where they should be and be more cost effective.
- Trustee Reynders had discussion about the parking plans which are to be discussed in the next meeting.
- Village Engineer Brett Westcott explained the TRIA parking lot plans.
- More discussion about specific plans for the inner-circle that TRIA had designed.
- Member Russell Knaack stated let's make a list of the plans for Heritage Park that we can present to the board, so they can better understand it.
- The Committee members finalized the location for the Veterans Memorial, pavilion, and water feature.
- Trustee Reynders stated the closer these features are to the utilities the easier and more cost effective it will be. She also stated we will need to have bathrooms.
- Village Engineer Brett Westcott is going to locate the best placement for the water feature based on sewer water location. He also said paying Illinois American Water is going to be pricy and discussed other options.
- Members Amy Blank and Russell Knaack would like to make soccer fields official on the master plan.
- Member Dan Kenney and Trustee Reynders discussed keeping location of amphitheater.
- The Committee decided in order to move forward with plans, we would need to have a team consisting of landscape architects, architects and engineers working together to develop the plans that were discussed.
- Trustee Reynders mentioned Veterans are okay having water feature near the memorial and that the Veterans would appreciate consideration for the names to go on a granite wall as opposed to bricks on the ground.
- Village Engineer Brett Westcott stated before the motion that he will get the proper engineering drawings and make sure this project is monitored as it should be until completion. He also stated we do not have to pay a third party. He will manage these projects.
- Member Russell Knaack proposed amending the agenda to add a motion.

Legislative and Action Items:

1. Motion to amend the agenda to include a motion Motion made by: Russell Knaack
Second by: Dan Kenney
In Favor: Members Trustee Reynders, Dale Janssen, Bob Kman, Russell Knaack, Matt Hosteny, Amy Blank, Dan Kenney.
The motion passed.
2. Motion to recommend to board that to keep the existing Heritage Park plan with the following changes: replace the nature play with veterans memorial, move the interactive water feature southeast near to the utility sewer and water and add the pavilion south of

the water feature, formalize the addition of soccer fields to the northeast of the inner ring which includes grading, portable lighting, a storage shed for soccer and permanent soccer nets, and adding bathrooms to the pavilion.

Motion made by: Russell Knaack

Second by: Bob Kman

In Favor: Trustee Reynders, Dale Janssen, Bob Kman, Russell Knaack, Matt Hosteny, Amy Blank, Dan Kenney. The motion passed.

3. Motion to recommend to village board the addition of inner ring parking as previously proposed to accommodate the proposed changes to master plan and to increase safety and to minimize pedestrian crossing the circle.

Motion made by: Russell Knaack

Second by: Bob Kman

In Favor: Trustee Reynders, Dale Janssen, Bob Kman, Russell Knaack, Matt Hosteny, Amy Blank, Dan Kenney. The Motion passed.

3. New Business- None.

4. **Reports and Communications from Staff** – Parks Operations Coordinator, Jennifer Vittori gave an update on Stonebridge tennis courts.

5. Committee Member Updates- none.

6. **Adjournment.** – Member Trustee Reynders made a motion to adjourn; second by Member Bob Kman. The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Ashley Kocdlowski
Committee Secretary