

# Parks & Recreation Committee

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Minutes of the Meeting on  
March 18, 2019

**Village of Homer Glen  
14240 W 151<sup>st</sup> Street, Homer Glen, IL 60491  
Community Room**

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Co-Chair Christina Neitzke-Troiike.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Roll Call.

Present at 6:00 p.m. were Co-Chairs Christina Neitzke-Troiike and Beth Rodgers, members Dale Janssen, Ed Cryer, Russell Knaack, Regina Robinson and Mark Gawron.

Members Absent: Members Bob Kman, John Walters and Thor Batchelor.

Also Present: Facilities Manager John Robinson and Administrative Analyst Matt Walsh.

4. Approval of Amendments to the Agenda.

There were no amendments to the agenda.

5. Minutes.

- a) November 19, 2018

Co-Chair Neitzke-Troiike stated that the minutes from the November 19, 2018 Parks and Recreation meeting were being presented for approval. Member Neitzke-Troiike made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Co-Chair Rodgers. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment.

Resident Marty Pavlik, of Glenview Walk Subdivision, was in attendance and asked that the discussion of park prioritization be moved earlier on the agenda because of a scheduling conflict he had.

Motion to move 8(c) to 6(a) was made by Member Janssen; seconded by Member Cryer. The motion passed.

- a) Discussion of Park Prioritization

Analyst Walsh introduced the data that was provided in the packet and gave a summary of outstanding questions and issues based on past meeting discussions. The ranking of park locations provided was based on submissions from Committee members.

Co-Chair Neitzke-Troiike suggested that the Committee focus on ranking Glenview Walk Estates subdivision. Mr. Pavlik spoke about the desire among neighbors for a park. Facilities Manager John Robinson discussed a basic plan for a playground that had been put together by Game Time for the Village-owned land in the subdivision a few years ago. Member Knaack and Mr. Robinson discussed the possibility of connecting the park to park space on the land to the east if it is ever developed.

The Committee discussed asking Game Time for some proposed plans and cost estimates. Mr. Pavlik mentioned the number of children that live in Glenview Walk and how a playground may help future development of the subdivision. Member Knaack suggested that the Village consider purchasing the vacant lot that is adjacent to the Village-owned lot. Mr. Pavlik estimated that the lot would cost approximately \$70,000.

The Committee discussed Old Oaks subdivision and agreed that Goodings Grove School Park addresses the need. The Committee also recommended that the Village advertise the park as part of the Village system due to the intergovernmental agreement with the school district.

Mr. Robinson stated that the Village also owns a lot in Meadowview West subdivision. Member Knaack questioned the quality of the lot for park purposes. The Committee compared the viability of the Glenview Walk Estates lot and the Meadowview West lot. Both sites lack parking off street and are near detention ponds. Although both lots are limited in size, it was agreed that there would be enough space for some play features and possibly structures to provide shade.

Member Cryer suggested that estimates of costs to develop parks should be gathered. Member Knaack pointed out that the Village could work with the Township to put playground equipment on Township-owned land near Country Woods. Co-Chair Neitzke-Troiike offered to reach out to Township Supervisor Pam Myers to gauge interest.

Co-Chair Rodgers suggested that the Committee consider the parks as part of a two-year process. The Committee agreed that the top three (3) priorities should be Glenview Walk Estates, Meadowview West and Country Woods respectively. Co-Chair Neitzke-Troiike added that when a recommendation is brought to the board, there should be options provided that offer costs of various playground layouts and purchased land. Analyst Walsh stated that he and Mr. Robinson would gather information about equipment and costs for the April Committee meeting. Member Knaack asked Mr. Walsh to investigate the status of the OSLAD grant program. The Committee further discussed the ranking of Old Oak and Amberfield. It was agreed that the focus for now should be on the top three (3) locations.

#### 7. Reports from Co-Chairs.

Co-Chair Rodgers reported that Member Cassandra Courtright has resigned from the Committee and will be moving this spring. Co-Chair Rodgers stated that the

vacancy would be advertised following the election and a decision would likely come in May.

Co-Chair Neitzke-Troiike asked that Committee members inform Analyst Walsh if they will not be able to make a meeting so that a quorum can be reached for any given meeting.

8. Old Business.

a) Review of the 2018 Homer for the Holidays Event

The Committee briefly discussed the event but agreed that it was a success in spite of the weather.

b) 2019 Chalk-it-Up Planning

Co-Chair Neitzke-Troiike asked if resident Amy Blank would help plan the event again. Member Gawron stated that he would call Ms. Blank. There was some discussion about moving the event to Goodings Grove Park. Mr. Robinson stated that the Committee should wait to plan an event until it is confirmed that the grass is established. It was agreed that the event would return to Stonebridge Park.

Analyst Walsh asked that the Committee select a date for the event. The Committee agreed that July 13, 2019 would be the date with a July 27 rain date.

9. New Business.

10. Reports and Communications from Staff.

a) Heritage Park Updates

Analyst Walsh reported that the Active Core construction meetings would be resuming and construction would pick up soon. Mr. Walsh also reported that he had given an update to the Homer Junior Women's Club about the status of the Active Core pavilion. Member Gawron asked for an expected opening date for the Active Core. Analyst Walsh and Manager Robinson responded that is difficult to estimate a date.

b) Facilities Manager's Updates

Manager Robinson reported that the new Maintenance Worker Brett Shingler started in February. Mr. Shingler and Maintenance Worker Steve Spear are attending a Playground Safety Technician course and will be certified prior to summer. Mr. Robinson also mentioned that there are plans to do some repairs to Heroes Trail.

11. Committee Member Updates.

12. Adjournment.

Co-Chair Neitzke-Troiike made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Member Knaack.  
The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Matt Walsh  
Administrative Analyst