To: Clark Park Advisory Council

From: Rose Wehner

Re: Minutes of August 15, 2023 Meeting

Date: August 17, 2023

Attending: Eric Anderson, Rich Costello, Jeff Daube, Bill Donahue, Mary Jo Guglielmo, Howard Luecke, Mike Manrique, Jon Schwass, Anne Vargo, Rose Wehner

Minutes of Meeting

Our meeting at Burning Bush Brewery began at 7:22. The minutes of our July 18, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Rich circulated his June 30, 2023 financial statement earlier. More cash came in to Horner We received $500 from the Chicago Rowing Foundation for the September fundraiser.

Park Report

We have a tent in the fieldhouse. Melissa asked that we move it to the boathouse. We already have one tent there which is difficult to access. Also, the building isn’t always open when we need it. Mike has two tents. There is no update on the request for TIF funding. Widening the park pathway has already been approved. The other requests are provisionally approved. Jeff has alerted park staff to the safety hazard of the broken tree grills between the two buildings in the park. They’ve been pushing up the plates. Mike Brown agrees that the plates are a problem. Work on this was supposed to happen in the spring. Jeff will send a memo to Tom with a cc to Kiala Moore with a recommendation on how to address the problem. The logs stacked in the woods along Rockwell have been removed.

CAMBR Report

Jon reported that they moved a lot of dirt in the woods with a small machine and filled in pits. The rundown jumps are in better shape. The trash cans are looking better. The areas around the container is improving. The directional arrows are working out well.

Digital Committee Report

Anne will post information about highlights of this year’s silent auction.

Clark Park Area Stakeholders Committee Report (Previously Safety Committee)

We’re getting a lot done in the woods. We discussed holding quarterly meetings for all the area stakeholders. The Chicago Rowing Foundation would also be welcome.

Community Garden Renewal

Rose reported that the community garden renewal documents have been submitted. She invited Jennifer Tarnoff, Community Gardening Facilitator, to our meeting and work day. Jennifer said she’d like to come to one of our work days.

Work Day Saturday August 26 9:00 am to 12 noon

Eric will talk to Mike Brown about getting chips.

Eco Fest August 19, 10-2 Welles Park

Eric will set up the tent. He has a plan to present something fun for kids who attend the event.

Twilight Canoe September 10 5:30

Bill asked us to approach merchants for donations and sponsorships. Chicago Rowing Foundation and Kids Work are 2023 corporate sponsors. Mike will contact REI. Rose circulated a list of things we need to bring. We will probably begin setup at noon. Bill brought posters for us to circulate.

Next Meeting Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Burning Bush Brewery.

The meeting ended at 8:25 PM.

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