

Monthly Meeting Minutes of JPAC August 14, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Michael Scott, JPAC President, at 7:05 p.m. A quorum of at least 7 voting members were present. President Scott welcomed the attendees and asked if there were any additions to the agenda; hearing none, the agenda was approved. Then he asked if everyone had read the July meeting minutes. Two corrections were cited: Kyle Terry is the Golf Committee Co-Chair with Jerry Levy, and the term interim was deleted. A motion was requested to approve the minutes with the two changes. It was moved and seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously by the voting membership.

Eric Rogers, JPAC Treasurer, presented a treasurer's report that indicated the current balance was \$5,317.02, no change since the previous month. Eric informed the members that the original request to receive a reimbursement of \$20.00 for the hosting of our website will not be required. It will be a donation to JPAC.

During our July meeting a suggestion was made to spend \$1,000.00 on athletic equipment for youth. President Scott stated that a further discussion on this matter will be forthcoming.

Several updates were presented by the following committees- Jerry Levy, Golf; Russell Pike, Obama; Roger Deschner and Jack Spicer, Historic Bridge; Eric Rogers and Deborah De Vaughn, Communication; and Mary Anton, Membership.

President Scott provided congratulatory remarks to the Communication Committee for the excellent work that they have done overall and the development of our website. It was also stated that our website has recorded that we have received an average of 900 visits. Susan Avila was introduced as the newly assigned Co-Chair for the Obama Committee, and Roger Deschner raised concerns regarding the fact that the 59th street historical bridge's design had been altered. It was suggested that JPAC members continue to update the list of safety and security issues and items requiring repairs be maintained along with pictures and shared with the Chicago Park District (committee reports and meeting minutes can be viewed on the JPAC website).

The Chicago Park District has requested feedback from the JPAC membership regarding plans to retrofit 2 tennis courts into 6 pickleball courts and the resurfacing of a third one. These courts are located north of the Jackson Park maintenance building between Stony Island and Cornell Drive. We collected the following questions and feedback from the members that were present:

- Are there enough individuals in the nearby communities interested in playing pickleball to justify this addition?
- There are residential properties directly west of where the pickleball courts will be developed. Since pickleball players are extremely noisy, have the residents living west of these proposed courts been contacted and/or considered?
- Where will the entrance to the pickleball courts be located?
- Will the entrance be assessable to handicapped individuals as well?
- What additional repairs will be performed on the other tennis courts located throughout the park since the park will lose two tennis courts?

President Scott requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was moved and seconded, and unanimously approved at 7:50 p.m.

The meeting was attended by 28 individuals, including 27 members and 1 new applicant. Of the 27 members in attendance 22 were currently eligible to vote, including 2 eligible for the first time. and 5 were not yet eligible to vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell Pike, JPAC Secretary