



The mission of the Hoffman Estates Park District is to offer healthy and enjoyable experiences to our residents and guests by providing first class parks, facilities, programs and services in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner.

**MINUTES
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
January 12, 2016**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Building and Grounds Committee was held on January 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner Mohan, Comm Rep Friedman, Snyder, Triphahn, Chairman Kilbridge

Absent: Comm Rep Bettencourt, Dekirmenjian

Also Present: Executive Director Bostrom, Deputy Director/A&F Director Talsma, Rec/Facilities Director Kies, P&D Director Buczkowski, Parks and Risk Director Giacalone, Golf Director Bechtold

Audience: President Bickham, Commissioner Kaplan, Kinnane, McGinn, R. Evans, Comm Rep Koltz, Dressler, Wittkamp, Mr. K. Evans, Dr. R. Steinberg

2. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Friedman to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Minutes:

Comm Rep Triphahn made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Snyder to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments From the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Victoria North Playground name/M16-003:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting that the park board had tentatively approved the name change in the November meeting. He explained the policy was to wait 60 days for public input prior to officially changing the name. He also explained that the public had been notified and that this issue had gone to all committee meetings. He explained that Pete Smith had been a past commissioner and that he had made an exceptional contribution to the Village of Hoffman Estates as a champion and advocate for individuals with disabilities.

He also explained that the playground would be renovated in the Spring/Summer of 2016 and would be the most accessible playground in the district; feeling that the renaming was appropriate to this site.

Comm Rep Triphahn asked if there was family in the area and Executive Director Bostrom said that he believed that 2 children lived in Hoffman Estates and 2 others nearby.

Dr. Steinberg addressed the committee asking them to review the minutes from Pete Smith's terms in office noting that he was not an outstanding Commissioner although he had done outstanding things for the Village. He said that there were other commissioners that had done more for the park district. He expressed concern for requirements for future naming of parks and playgrounds.

Comm Rep Friedman noted that he had been impressed with the information provided on Peter Smith's contribution.

Executive Director Bostrom explained that the basis for the recommendation was on what Peter Smith had done for the community. He also explained that he had received a favorable email on the item and that Mayor McLeod had said he knew Pete and his efforts had helped to propel the ADA movement in Hoffman Estates.

President Bickham asked about other areas named for past people and it was noted that Cannon Crossings was named after Volunteer Bill Cannon, Triphahn Center after past Commissioner Scott R. Triphahn and co-founder of the Friends of HE Parks Foundation, and Fabbrini Park after Mr. Fabbrini, one of the founding park board commissioners and the park district's first volunteer Executive Director.

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Snyder to recommend the board name the Victoria North playground the Peter M. Smith Playground after the 60 day waiting period.

B. PSSWC Fitness Equipment Space/M16-005:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting that because the equipment had been on back order and would not be received until 2016, it could not be a 2015 budgeted expense.

Director Giacalone explained that his staff would do the work in-house; however, they would use W-T Engineering for the specifications as it related to the setup of the structural integrity of the wall and that it would take about a week.

Executive Director Bostrom explained that the recommendation was not to exceed \$10,000; however, it would cost approximately \$3,000 - \$5,000.

Chairman Kilbridge asked if there would be an impact to the budget moving from 2015 to 2016 and Director Kies explained that some of the equipment on the 2016 replacement plan might have to be put off a bit.

Chairman Kilbridge asked if the equipment was expected to generate revenue and Director Kies said that they were hoping that it would increase use of the personal trainers on this equipment as well as providing added value to the membership overall.

Comm Triphahn asked about the cost and Director Kies noted that it was about \$15,500 plus \$3,000 for an attached rowing piece.

Commissioner Kaplan asked if there were be any compensation for the back order and it was noted that there would not.

Comm Rep Snyder asked about the ceiling height and possible damage to the sprinkler heads and it was explained that the piece could be positioned as to not do any damage to the ceiling.

Comm Rep Triphahn asked if it would be available to the members and it was noted that it would. She also asked if it was a structural bearing wall that was being removed and it was noted that it was not.

Mr. K. Evans asked if there would be enough room around the equipment to walk and to use the ropes and it was noted that there would. He also asked how large the massage rooms were and Director Kies explained that they were approximately 10 feet x 12 feet.

Commissioner R. Evans asked if there would be a video available for instruction on the machine at all times and Director Kies said that staff would look into that.

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Friedman to recommend the board approve the request for the parks maintenance to remove the existing wall between the group exercise room #2 and the main back fitness area based on the design and recommendation from W-T Engineering with a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The motion carried by voice vote with Comm Rep Triphahn abstaining.

C. Parks Board Report and 4Q2015 Goals/M16-002:

Mr. K. Evans asked about access to piping for the whirlpool system for repair needs. Director Giacalone noted that he had never seen that offered. Comm Rep Snyder explained that it would not be cost effective to create that type of access. Executive Director Bostrom explained that they used the services of a professional that could locate the leak so that the entire piping system did not have to be dug up.

Comm Rep Triphahn made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Snyder to send the Parks Board Report and 4QGoals to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

D. P&D Report and 4Q2015 Goals/M16-001:

No questions.

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Triphahn to send the P&D Report and 4Q Goals to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Commissioner Mohan asked if there would be a financial benefit to renaming the playground and it was noted that there would not.

Comm Rep Triphahn reminded everyone of the coming GNO on 2/18 at First Place Sports Bar and Grill. She also reminded all of the Foundation Giving Tree and the leaves available for purchase.

Comm Rep Friedman said that he had heard about Yorkville 1st/2nd grade basketball games and parents being removed for behavior explaining that he coached that grade for the park district and was happy to say he did not have those issues.

Chairman Kilbridge also reminded those present of the Foundation events.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Triphahn to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski
Recording Secretary