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**MINUTES  
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 13, 2016**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation Committee Meeting was held on September 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner Kinnane, Comm Rep Henderson, S. Neel, Chairman R. Evans

Absent: Comm Rep Dressler, Snyder, Wittkamp

Also Present: Executive Director Bostrom, Deputy Director/A&F Director Talsma, Rec/Facilities Director Kies, Golf Director Bechtold

Audience: Commissioners Kilbridge, Kaplan, McGinn; President Bickham, Facility Manager Albig, Mr. K. Evans, Sandy Gbur of 517 Parkside Dr, Palatine, Jill Piccolino of 1358 W. Steeple Chase, Palatine, Rosemary and Steve Bertok of 1655 Hartford, Cub Scouts Brett Bertok and Niko Soriano

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep S. Neel to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**3. Minutes:**

Comm Rep S. Neel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kinnane to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Comments from the Audience:**

Commissioner Kilbridge reminded everyone of the Uncorked and Untapped Foundation Event for September 23 and encouraged all to attend and purchase a Revers Raffle ticket.

**5. Old Business:**

None

**6. New Business:**

A. Eagle Scout project/M16-107:

Director Kies reviewed the item noting that the archery range would be available for use in the Spring 2017.

Boy Scouts Bertok and Soriano addressed the committee noting that it had been a great experience to work with the district and be able to give back to the community. They presented Executive Director Bostrom a check for the Friends of HE Parks in the amount of \$600.

Comm Rep Henderson asked about the sashes the Scouts were wearing and Niko explained that he was wearing a green sash that held badges that represented different skill sets that he had acquired noting that an Eagle Scout needed to acquire 21 specific badges. Brett explained that the white sash he was wearing represented the National Honor Society of Boy Scouts; Order of the Arrow and that the Order was of the highest orders and denoted service to the community.

Chairman R. Evans asked about the most enjoyable part of the project and Brett explained that the opportunity to build an archery range and the actual construction were the most exciting to him. Niko explained that while seeing the finished product was very exciting, the participation in the fundraising aspect (the Beast Feast) had been very exciting for him.

Commissioner Kaplan asked what had been the most challenging portion and Niko explained that the most difficult part of the construction had been working with the steel roof. Brett explained that the waiting period between getting the project off the ground and the actual construction had been the most challenging for him.

B. Windy City Buss Agreement/M16-016:

Director Kies reviewed the item. Executive Director Bostrom explained that the tickets would be used for additional Volunteer Appreciation opportunities.

Commissioner McGinn asked if PSSWC believed that the Windy City Bulls would increase membership and Director Kies said he hoped that would be true as they seemed to be more popular than anticipated.

Mr. K. Evans asked if there would be special locker rooms provided and it was noted that there would not.

President Bickham asked about the \$50 prime time fee versus the standard \$65 and Executive Director Bostrom explained that there was a discount fee for volume rentals.

Chairman R. Evans asked if PSSWC was the only place for practice and it was noted that they were with the options of using Triphahn Center or Willow Recreation Center if PSSWC was not available. Director Kies explained that practices would begin November 1.

Comm Rep S. Neel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to recommend the board approve the 3-year agreement with the Windy City Bulls as outlined in M16-106. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Willow Rec Rental/M16-108:

Executive Director Bostrom explained that there was no alcohol allowed on park district property without a permit being issued by the board.

President Bickham asked about other religious groups using the facilities and it was noted that they did not use alcohol in their services.

Commissioner McGinn asked about the size of the congregation and it was noted that services held 30 to 60 people.

Chairman R. Evans asked if they considered using non-alcohol and Ms. Piccolino explained that the option was not recognized in the Catholic Church.

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Neel to recommend the board approve a one year permit with the condition that wine may only be served through the communal cup as part of the religious services and that the park district reserve the right to terminate the special permit which allows the consumption of alcohol if staff determines that the religious group is abusing alcohol as outlined in M16-108. The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Rec, Fac & Golf Report/M16-105:

Director Kies reviewed the report. Comm Rep S. Neel asked why Seascap had closed so early and Director Kies explained that the lifeguard staff was primarily college and high school students that returned to school and/or athletic practices early August. He also explained that the pool could not be sectioned off to close only a portion and that they needed 13-16 guards plus rotation to open the pool. It was noted that they could not bring on "other" guards from other pools if available due to training issues.

Director Bechtold reviewed his report noting that golf was up in the area by 1.4% and at BPC by 3.1%. He also explained that the digital hole would go live this week.

Comm Rep Henderson noted that she had seen an opportunity for golf for \$25 but it was emailed the day before and asked why such short notice. Director Bechtold explained that it was a matter of taking advantage of discounts and openings and that the course did not want to discount golf if they had golfers. The offer was to bring people in at the last minute to fill the course.

Commissioner Kaplan asked about the cart path on 16 and Director Bechtold explained that there was an irrigation leak they were still working on.

President Bickham asked about the goats and Director Bechtold explained they were working on it but they may not come back until next year.

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kinnane to send the Rec, Fac & Golf Report M16-105 to the board. The motion carried by voice vote.

**7. Committee Member Comments:**

Commissioner Kinnane noted that the Boy Scouts had done a great job and were terrific young men.

Comm Rep S. Neel agreed noting that it was great to see the district so available to an organization like the Scouts.

Comm Rep Henderson noted that staff had done a great job at PIP working with the Cultural Committee from the Village. She also said that she was happy to see the increase in the dog park numbers and agreed with the Committee members that the Boy Scouts had done a great job.

Chairman R. Evans agreed that the Scouts were outstanding and reminded everyone of the Uncorked and Untapped Foundation Event September 23.

**8. Adjournment:**

Comm Rep S. Neel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom  
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski  
Recording Secretary