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**MINUTES  
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
April 11, 2017**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation Committee was held on April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner Kinnane, Comm Rep Dressler, S. Neel, Snyder, Wittkamp, Chairman R. Evans

Absent: Comm Rep Henderson

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

Audience: President Bickham, Commissioners McGinn, Kaplan and Kilbridge, Superintendent Palmer, Mr. K. Evans

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

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

**3. Recognition of Remaining Rec Reps (BOH for February)**

Chairman R. Evans recognized Comm Reps Snyder and Wittkamp for their years of service on the Committees and awarded them their pins.

**4. Minutes:**

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep S. Neel to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2017 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**5. Comments From the Audience:**

None

**6. Old Business:**

None

**7. New Business:**

**A. 50+ Club Membership / M17-045:**

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting that the north side would have a soft opening May 15, 2017 with the staff move in on May 1. He explained that staff had a modified fee structure for the 50+ membership.

Director Kies explained that with the renovation of the north side, they had an opportunity to look at the 50+ membership fee as well as what the district was offering for that membership. He explained that the members were now at about 600 and the goal was to reduce the subsidy of the 50+ programs.

Comm Rep Snyder asked about the snowbird option and Director Kies explained that it was through the EFT program and could be suspended if out of the area.

Commissioner McGinn asked about the overall reaction to the increase and Comm Rep Wittkamp explained that while the 50+ group was initially unhappy, they were becoming more accepting to the idea given the additional benefits.

Executive Director Bostrom also noted that qualifying 50+ members in need of financial assistance could apply for a Foundation Scholarship to cover some or all of the increase.

Chairman R. Evans noted that he felt the 50+ membership was very appreciative of what the district does for them.

Comm Rep Wittkamp explained that many of the members needed to have the work out rooms available to them through their membership to stay fit.

Mr. K. Evans asked if the 50+ had any idea of the coming increase and Superintendent Palmer explained that they had. Mr. K. Evans asked about those 50+ members that would get a break on other memberships and Director Kies explained that staff was working on that. Mr. K. Evans asked how many memberships the Foundation Scholarship Fund could absorb and Executive Director Bostrom explained that the Foundation donated up to \$20,000 each year and that last year the district had only expended \$17,500. He also noted that the membership fee was not very costly at \$55. Mr. K. Evans asked if they ever offered partial scholarships and it was noted that

payments were made in percentages of 25, 50, 75 and 100% depending on financial and other circumstances.

President Bickham asked if the 50+ membership included the track and it was noted that it did. He also asked about the percentage of resident versus non-resident and Executive Director Bostrom noted that the membership was predominantly resident based.

President Bickham asked who was the closest competition and Director Kies noted it was Palatine Center at \$40, however they charged additional fees for weekly activities.

No vote required.

B. Park District Concession Agreement/ M17-047:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting there were some changes to the Insurance section of the agreement.

Deputy Director Talsma explained that the district was changing the agreements from leases to licenses and that might impact the language to be used for the Insurance Section. He noted that staff would be verifying that with legal counsel.

Comm Rep S. Neel said she thought it was great that Flores would continue but was concerned about the increase from \$600 to \$1000/month. Executive Director Bostrom noted that they had offered that amount. He also talked about the pro shop leaving and that Flores would have the opportunity to sell tape and mouth guards as well as continuing to offer the skate sharpening services. He also explained that staff was looking at alternative program uses for the pro shop space to be discussed under Item D.

Commissioner Kaplan noted that they would need to have someone knowledgeable about skate sharpening.

President Bickham asked about running the agreement past PDRMA and Deputy Director Talsma explained that PDRMA does not review contracts but that staff could cross reference PDRMA's requirements with those listed in the contract.

Comm Rep S. Neel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Snyder to recommend the Board enter into a one-year licensing agreement with the option of two one-year renewals with the Flores Rosales Family Corp (FRFC) for concession services as outlined in M17-047 subject to PDRMA's requirements for the Insurance section of the agreement. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. NAEYC Accreditation /M17-044:

Executive Director Bostrom explained that accreditation was something the district valued.

Director Kies went on to explain that different types of accreditation had life cycles much like programs and that at this time NAEYC was declining and that Excelerate Illinois was increasing in the field.

Chairman R. Evans asked what the parents thought to be most important and Superintendent Palmer noted that most parents recognized the DCFS accreditation. Director Kies noted that the Excelerate program would help the district take their program to the next level.

No vote required.

D. Ice Pro Shop Space/ M17-049:

Director Kies reviewed the item noting that staff was looking to program the space.

Commissioner Kaplan asked if the district had considered selling the tape, etc. from behind the front desk. Director Kies said they had reviewed that idea.

No Vote required.

E. Recreation, Facilities & Golf Report and 1Q2017 Goals/M17-043:

Director Kies acknowledged Superintendent Palmer's selection to participate in the IPRA focus group as well as having received a grant for the blended lines on the PSSWC tennis courts, the Power Play Grant and the Eagle Scout project as addressed in the report. He explained that due to time constraints, the Eagle Scout would be presenting his accomplished project, the Chimney Swift Tower, in May.

Director Bechtold noted that the Easter Brunch was sold out, that they had to cancel March Madness due to weather and that preferred tee times had begun. He said he was happy to see Golf Superintendent Hugen take on the Parks Directorship and that BPC had begun looking for a new Superintendent.

Mr. K. Evans asked if surrounding courses had been closed during the heavy rains and Director Bechtold noted they had; Palatine Hills and Fox Run among some of them.

Chairman R. Evans asked if they were changing the face of the bunkers and Director Bechtold noted that they were not. Chairman R. Evans asked about

the drainage and Director Bechtold noted that all was good; he explained that they would be redirecting the draining on #10 to drain into the pond by the end of the month.

President Bickham asked about the hole-in-one and Director Bechtold explained that it was working.

Comm Rep Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kinnane to send the Rec, Fac & Golf Report and 1Q2017 Goals /M17-043 to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**8. Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Dressler thanked BPC for hosting the new Hoffman Estates Rotary Club and asked about the memorial tree planting. Executive Director Bostrom explained that the parks department had a memorial program in existence for 10 years that allowed for people to “plant a tree in memorial”. She also reminded everyone of the Taste Fest April 27<sup>th</sup> for \$25/person.

Comm Rep S. Neel said her cub scouts had a great time at the PSSWC lock-in and thanked Jeff Pettit for doing an outstanding job.

Comm Rep Snyder said he was looking forward to the start of golf and wished everyone a great Easter weekend.

Chairman R. Evans reminded all about the many egg hunts around the district, Easter Brunch at BPC and the final fish fry this Friday at BPC.

**9. Adjournment:**

Comm Rep S. Neel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom  
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski  
Recording Secretary