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**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1017
May 23, 2017**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner K. Evans, R. Evans, Kilbridge, Kinnane, McGinn, Bickham, Kaplan

Absent: None

Also Present: Executive Director Bostrom, Deputy Director/A&F Director Talsma, Rec/Facilities Director Kies, P&D Director Buczkowski

Audience: Rec Superintendent Palmer, 50+ Program Manager Schwartz, 50+ participants (see attached)

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Kilbridge made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Awards: BOH / Gail Bronswick

President Kaplan awarded Gail Bronswick for her volunteer services caring for the PSSWC plants. He noted that she was doing such a good job that the plants were reviving and members were noticing.

5. Minutes:

April 18, 2017:

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2017 Regular Board meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

April 4, 2017:

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2017 Special Board meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

April 11, 2017:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 Special Board meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. Comments from the Audience:

Mr. Paul Wilson, 50+ member, distributed a handout and addressed the board noting that the renovation of the north side and 50+ area did not leave the 50+ group with the same space available. He noted that in the past they had:

- Large meeting area
- Couch area in that large meeting area
- Magazine racks
- Book shelves and books
- 2 large closets for storage
- Table and computer
- Table for puzzles
- Billiard room
- 3 TVs for Wii
- Rooms labeled for 50+

He explained that now

- They shared the Wii room/lounge area with the public
- Pool tables and card tables were in the same room and the noise was distracting.
- The fireplace/lounge area was now part of the lobby.
- The book shelves were in the lobby open to the public and in unreachable cabinets.
- Wii had only 2 TVs and the projector could not be used to replace the 3rd TV.

- When they first used the room for Wii, it was only ½ of the space because of other programming on the other side. They thought the space would belong to 50+ from 8:30 – 4:30 Monday through Friday, and that it happened the next day.
- The rooms were labeled Conference and not 50+ for their use.

He also explained that the 50+ group did not know that their space was going to be common space when not used by the group and expressed concern for storage of their items.

Executive Director Bostrom noted that the district could provide those tables and shelves along with creating a comfortable space for the group. He explained that the purpose of the 'soft opening' in May was to identify additional needs that could be addressed before the Grand Opening June 20th. He reminded everyone that the initial space for the 50+ group was not comfortable either until they added those items that made it more comfortable and reminded them that the space they used was also public space evenings and weekends.

Mr. Wilson noted that he had suggestions attached to his letter.

Executive Director Bostrom explained that there was flexibility to add some items to their space. Director Kies noted that the card tables in the game room were intended for open play and that the regular Bridge and Pinochle would be scheduled and set up in the larger space.

Mr. Wilson addressed the lounge area noting that it should not have been advertised as a 50+ space since it is open to the public. Executive Director Bostrom explained that the lounge was always intended to be for everyone and a community space. He explained that the district would work to create a comfortable space but that there would be times that they could designate that lounge space for 50+ only.

Mr. Wilson noted that the way it was set up, it was too separate from the 50+ group and not very practical for them.

Mr. Jerry Eby asked about lockers in the billiards room for the pool cues. Superintendent Palmer noted that staff was working on that order now. Executive Director Bostrom explained that the original opening was scheduled for June 20 and that they opened the space early since the contractor was done and to help identify items that staff would still need to address.

Mr. Joe McCue addressed the board thanking Mr. Wilson for his comments on behalf of the 50+ group and that it had been great to talk with Director Kies about their concerns. He noted that believing that the space was for 50+ Monday – Friday from 8-4:30 and half the room was rented out during that time, they felt a loss of ownership for that space.

Jan Wittkamp addressed the board explaining that she could not reach the shelves in the lounge area to get a book and that the cabinets were locked and they did not have access to the keys.

Mr. McCue noted that many of the spaces were locked and they did not have a key.

Joanne Wilson addressed the board explaining that she would like to see the book shelves in the 50+ area and open so they could reach them. She also would like to see a small area with couches for the knitting group on Fridays.

Mr. Wilson asked when they could expect a response.

President Kaplan explained that Director Kies and Superintendent Palmer were already looking into these issues and that they should hear something shortly. Executive Director Bostrom asked for a few days to review the requests and the best way to implement the changes but that they would hope to address the concerns by mid-week of next week. President Kaplan thanked the audience for their input.

Mr. McCue noted that the district could use some better communication. Executive Director Bostrom noted that the loss of 50+ Program Manager Cuff and the short delay in hiring the new 50+ Program Manger Schwartz did create some communication issues.

Mrs. Wilson noted that 50+ Program Manager Schwartz had been very helpful and listened to their concerns.

Bonnie Pfaff addressed the board asking why the membership fee had risen to \$55/year. Executive Director Bostrom replied that taxes paid for community areas such as parks and playgrounds and that they did not cover specialized programming such as 50+ and that the fee was approximately \$1/week and benefits were included in that cost. Ms. Pfaff asked why other district's did not charge that much and Executive Director Bostrom explained that Schaumburg had \$24 million in taxes versus Hoffman's \$8 million and that other districts charged additional fees for 50+ programs that were included in Hoffman's membership fee. Ms. Pfaff noted that the fee had jumped 400%.

50+ group left the meeting.

7. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner K. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Crack fill and seal coating M17-046
- B. Maintenance facility fuel pumps M17-056

- C. Hoffman United Soccer Club M17-048
- D. Wings and Talons License Agreement M17-059
- E. AthletiCo Agreement extension M17-060
- F. Surplus Ordinance O17-003 M17-058
- G. Fitness Equipment Bid Revision M17-062
- H. Balanced Scorecard 1Q M17-063
- I. Open and Paid Invoice Register \$873,735.49
- J. Revenue and Expenditure Report
- K. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 4/4/2017
- L. Acceptance of Rec Minutes 4/11/2017
- M. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 4/18/2017

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0

Ayes: 7 Bickham, K Evans, R Evans, Kilbridge, Kinnane, McGinn, Kaplan

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

8. President's Report:

President Kaplan welcomed Commissioner Keith Evans to the board; noted that Director Giacalone's retirement party had been good, that he was disappointed that the garage sale had been rained out.

Commissioner R. Evans asked about rescheduling the Garage Sale and Director Kies explained that they could not as it was held in Seascape's parking lot and they would be open shortly.

9. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

Superintendent Palmer took the opportunity to introduce 50+ Program Manager Mindy Schwartz to the board, noting that she had 12 years' experience with 50+ members and was recently the part-time assistant 50+ Program Manager.

Commissioner K. Evans asked if the part time position had been filled and Superintendent Palmer noted they were working on that.

Executive Director Bostrom updated the board on the status of the pool noting that they will be replacing 320 feet of pipe at the shallow end of the pool. He noted that broken pipes and those 2" or less had been replaced while 6 inch, 4 inch and 3 inch pipes showing stress will be lined. He reviewed the schedule explaining that they would be backfilling the area and reconnecting the smaller pipes; placing rebar so that concrete could be poured Thursday/Friday depending on weather. He also explained that the surface could be painted in 24 hours and that after 48 hours the pool could be filled. He noted that the Village had approved filling the pool through the use of hydrants and that would cut the fill time in half, to about 15 hours. He noted that by next Tuesday, they

should be able to begin the chemical and heat process and should actually be ready by that Thursday, however, the pool was still scheduled to open June 3. He noted that \$16,900 had been spent on pipe linings that should last 10 years and \$11,000 for concrete sawing plus additional costs for rentals, etc. for a total cost estimate of \$39,830 or \$43,813 with the contingency fund. He also explained that Director Hugen was working on an option to blow out the lines in the future and had already scheduled an inspection of the pipes for April 2018. He explained that the costs did not include staff time or cost of water and that they needed 400,000 gallons to fill the pool. He said he was working with the Village on the cost per gallon. Finally, he commended Director Hugen on his handling of this situation and his ability to work well with staff and contractors.

Commissioner McGinn asked about the pipes in the other areas and Executive Director Bostrom noted that based on the testing, staff was informed that there were no problems elsewhere.

Executive Director Bostrom noted that an Eblast had been sent regarding the pool opening. Commissioner K. Evans noted that he felt the email disingenuous since it blamed the weather for the opening delay rather than the repair. Commissioner R. Evans agreed.

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner K. Evans to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

10. Old Business:

None

11. New Business:

None

12. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kinnane said Director Giacalone's retirement party had been nice and it was unfortunate that the garage sale had to be cancelled. He also commended Directors Buczkowski and Hugen on the pool work.

Commissioner McGinn echoed those sentiments and also noted that the he felt the district should be forthcoming with regard to the pool closing.

Commissioner Bickham noted that he thought the north side was warm and welcoming and he welcomed 50+ Program Manager Schwartz to the district.

Commissioner K. Evans said it was great to be back; that he would like to see an update go out on the pool repairs. He noted that the repair work showed the

park district's strength and their ability to work together. He also welcomed 50+ Program Manager Schwartz.

Commissioner Kilbridge asked if PSSWC Members had received correspondence on the closing for their renovation and Executive Director Bostrom explained it would go out shortly; construction will not begin until July 10th.

Commissioner R. Evans welcomed 50+ Program Manager Schwartz; noting that he also thought the north side warm and welcoming. He reminded everyone of the SRT Golf Outing June 14th and encouraged everyone to participate.

President Kaplan noted that he did not feel that, having published something on the delayed pool opening, that they should restate anything. He also reminded the board of the new meeting dates starting next month:

- June 20th B&G Meeting (park tour)
 Rec Meeting cancelled
- June 27th Board Meeting
 A&F Meeting

13. Adjournment:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski
Recording Secretary