

MEMORANDUM NO. M16-023

Date: February 12, 2016
To: A&F Committee
From: Dean Bostrom, Executive Director
Craig Talsma, Deputy Director/Director A&F
Mike Kies, Director Recreation & Facilities
Subject: Facility Use Agreement with Township High School District 211

Background

Township High School District 211 recently purchased the former Barrington Orthopedic building at 1030 W. Higgins, located just east of Hoffman Estates High School. District 211 renamed the building the Higgins Educational Center. The Higgins Educational Center serves two primary purposes for District 211. On school days during typical school hours, the building hosts District 211 students with special needs through a variety of special education programs and services. On weekday evenings (4-8pm) the facility hosts a variety of service providers to help disadvantaged community members overcome challenges with language, basic health and wellness, and educational and social services.

The Higgins Educational Center opened in August of 2015 for student programs and services and has in recent months begun to offer community-based services during non-school hours. The community-based services are primarily offered in cooperation with local governmental entities and health and social service agencies. Existing Facility Use Agreements have been approved or are in the approval process with the Village of Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg Township, Harper College, Kenneth Young Center, Alexian Bros., Bridge Youth & Family Services and WINGS. The Facility Use Agreement for each agency follows the same template drafted by District 211's legal counsel.

Implications

The park district's 2016 budget includes \$2,500 for programming at the Higgins Education Center. Through the Facility Use Agreement the park district will be looking to offer recreation and health/fitness classes. The classes would be offered at fees equivalent to or less than the direct cost of providing class. The \$2,500 budget was approved to be used to supplement direct program costs that are not recuperated through the program fees paid. Initially the park district will be offering a Zumba class weekly and plans to expand offerings based on identified needs and wants.

Recommendation

HEPD's legal council has approved the agreement minus one outstanding issue related to Indemnification. However, it is anticipated that the lone outstanding issue with the agreement from the attorneys' perspective will be resolved prior to the A&F Committee meeting. Staff will report any changes to the agreement recommended by legal counsel at the A&F Committee meeting.

The A&F Committee recommends the park board approve the Facility Use Agreement between Township High School District 211 and HEPD subject to legal council's approval.