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**MINUTES
BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
March 19, 2019**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Building and Grounds Committee was held on March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman McGinn, Commissioner K. Evans; Comm Reps Bettencourt, Dekirmenjian, Friedman, Sernett

Absent: Comm Rep Poeschel

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Parks, Planning and Maintenance Hugen, Director of Golf and Facilities Bechtold

Audience: President Kaplan, Commissioners R. Evans, Kilbridge, Kinnane; Comm Rep Macdonald, C&M Manager-Facilities Holst, C&M Manager-Recreation Burgess

2. Approval of Agenda:

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dekirmenjian to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

Comm Rep Sernett congratulated President Kaplan and Commissioner K. Evans on achieving Master Level status and Distinguished Level status, respectively, in the IAPD Board Member Development Program.

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. National Fitness Campaign Outdoor Fitness Court/M19-033:

Director Hugen reviewed the item noting that staff was looking at Fabbrini Park as a location for the equipment. He explained that they did not need to bid this item out as the National Fitness Campaign was the sole source provider and explained that the district was receiving a \$30,000 grant from them.

Commissioner K. Evans asked if the district felt the equipment was valued at \$120,000 and Director Hugen noted that they did. He explained that it came with an app that provided a personal trainer and instructions on how to use the equipment saving the district from needing to supply staff for the area. Commissioner K. Evans asked if the district had a guarantee that the app would remain active and Director Hugen noted that he would check on that. He also explained that a poured in place playground would cost \$90,000+ and that the type of surface that was being provided was very similar and he felt that the project was worth the value.

Chairman McGinn asked about the equipment life and it was noted to be 20 years.

Commissioner K. Evans asked if the surface would remain stable and Director Hugen explained that it was basically on a type of concrete surface and would stay intact.

Executive Director Talsma noted that some of the top priorities on the Community Survey were for fitness, outdoor fitness and free fitness and felt that this project would have merit, especially with the benefit of the app that provided the explanation and workout.

Director Hugen noted that the company would come out to explain the equipment to staff and would be present for the Grand Opening of the area.

Chairman McGinn asked about the flooding in the area and Director Hugen explained that staff had already been in the area to check the flooding issues with regard to the placement of the equipment.

President Kaplan asked when the decision would be made and Director Huguen noted that they would present their option at the next B&G meeting; that staff was looking to place the equipment close to both the road and walkways and out of water and away from errant baseballs.

Commissioner Kilbridge asked about installation time and it was noted that it would be done in-house, should take about 30 days and would be ready for Party in the Park.

Comm Rep Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dekirmenjian to recommend the board approve the purchase of the National Fitness Campaign Outdoor Fitness Court to the sole provider, National Fitness Campaign, for a total of \$90,000. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Naming of Bergman Pointe Park/M19-034:

Executive Director Talsma reviewed the item noting that the district had officially taken possession of the park. He explained that the Village was still working with regard to the rehabbing of the historical house on the site and that if the offer falls through, the house would be demolished and the land would become part of the park area.

Commissioner K. Evans asked if it was named after a particular Bergman and it was noted that it was not; that the suggestion was for Bergman Pointe Park after the name of the subdivision; Bergman Pointe.

Comm Rep Friedman asked about the house and Executive Director Talsma explained that the Village believed they had an interested party and were trying to work with them for permits and rehabbing.

President Kaplan asked if there was any reason not to name the park Bergman Pointe Park. It was noted that most information available about the Bergmans was positive but that the district would have 60 days prior to final naming.

Comm Rep Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett to recommend the board approve the naming of Bergman Point Subdivision Park “Bergman Pointe Park” pending the 60 day waiting period which is on or after May 18, 2019. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Parks, Planning & Maintenance Report/M19-032:

Executive Director Talsma reviewed the time line on the ice renovation noting that the district had initially bid out the replacement of the rink that had been rejected by the board on the assumption that the rink could be repaired rather than replaced. However, the past 30 days had proven that the damage was too great to be repaired and staff had to take another look at the replacement of the rink. Minnesota Ice had been contacted and they were willing to meet their original bid price and time line

noting that if the district tried to repair and failed, that the rink would be down for an entire year before it could be replaced. To that end, the Board had held a special board meeting last week to approve moving forward with the terms of the original bid with Minnesota Ice, LLC.

Director Hugen explained that staff had begun to take the ice down Sunday evening and that there was a construction meeting planned. He explained that the dasher boards would be removed by the contractor and reused and that staff would remove the glass which would not be reused and that demolition of the rink would begin after that. He noted that the rink was expected to reopen by September 6, 2019.

Chairman McGinn asked if that was an aggressive schedule and Director Hugen noted that there was a cushion built in depending on how long it took to remove the permafrost.

Commissioner K. Evans asked about the dasher boards and Director Hugen explained that the contractor would remove them to prevent damage to the boards.

Comm Rep Sernett asked if staff had seen any rinks Minnesota Ice had built and Director Hugen noted that they had.

Comm Rep Dekirmenjian asked if the district had to cancel summer ice programs and Director Kapusinski explained that they cancelled some rentals but not programs. Comm Rep Dekirmenjian asked if the district was trying to keep the Wolves here and Executive Director Talsma explained that they were working on renewing the agreement but at present the Wolves were offering ½ of the rent they were presently paying and he did not feel that was in the best interest of the park district. Comm Rep Dekirmenjian asked what the district would do if they lost the Wolves contract and Executive Director Talsma noted that replacing the rink had been a budgeted item for this year and that if the Wolves left, the district would have other options for the use of that space (locker rooms, fitness area, office area, storage).

Chairman McGinn asked about Seascape and the flooding issue and Director Hugen explained that it had been taken care of and Seascape was expected to open on time. He also showed color pictures of the slides scheduled for refurbishing and noted that staff was looking at magenta and electric lime green. The committee was in agreement with the colors.

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to send the Parks, Planning & Maintenance Report M19-032 to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Commissioner K. Evans said he was looking forward to the enhancements for Fabbrini Park.

Executive Director Talsma reminded everyone of the May 4th dedication of the Connie, Steve, and Johnson ball fields at 10:45 am at Fabbrini Park.

Comm Rep Friedman thanked Athletic Manager Thomas and Athletic Assistant Goddard for a great basketball season.

Executive Director Talsma noted that Supervisor of Horticulture Mark Schwartz was having a retirement party March 20th at BPC from 4-6 pm and invited all to attend.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Dekirmenjian made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Friedman to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski
Recording Secretary