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**MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
March 16, 2021**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on March 16, 2021 at 7:37 p.m. remotely via ZOOM.

Present: Chairman K. Evans, Commissioner Chhatwani, Comm Reps Beranek, Dressler, Henderson, Macdonald, MacGregor

Absent: None

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Director of Golf & Facilities Bechtold, Director of Finance & Administration Hopkins, Executive Assistant Logan

Audience: President Kaplan, Commissioners R. Evans, Friedman, Kinnane, McGinn; Comm Rep Wilson

2. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to approve the agenda as presented.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0

Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, Beranek, Dressler, Henderson, Macdonald, MacGregor, K. Evans

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dressler to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting as presented.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0

Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, Beranek, Dressler, Henderson, Macdonald, MacGregor, K. Evans

Nays: 0
Absent: 0

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. School District 15 Dissolution of Intergovernmental Agreement / M21-024:

Executive Director Talsma explained that an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) has existed between HEParks and School District 15 (SD15) to provide outdoor grounds maintenance (mowing, weeding, and fertilization) at Thomas Jefferson (TJ) and Frank C Whiteley (FCW) schools in exchange for facility usage. Over the last few years, HEParks has either not needed the facilities due to other accommodations or needed the facilities, but were not allowed due to SD15's COVID-19 protocols. It was noted the IGA should be dissolved due to Force Majeure because SD15 has not upheld the agreement while HEParks has. SD15 is in agreeance.

It was noted as an alternative to the IGA, a Memo of Understanding will be entered into which will have HEParks only provide annual weed and fertilization for \$1,300. If HEParks needs facility space, a rental fee will be paid to SD15.

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dressler to recommend the Board approve of the dissolution of the IGA with School District 15, dated July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2023.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0
Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, Beranek, Dressler, Henderson, Macdonald,
MacGregor, K. Evans
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

B. School District 54 IGA / M21-023:

Director Kapusinski explained the agreement gives HEParks the ability to use six schools in exchange for playground and outdoor maintenance (HEParks playgrounds located at school sites). The agreement has been merged with the Eisenhower Track agreement, in which they pay 50% of maintenance/repair on the track, to create a new five year agreement.

Comm Rep Macdonald made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dressler to recommend the Board approves of the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between School District 54 and Hoffman Estates Park District for the term April 1, 2021 and ending March 31, 2026.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0
Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, Beranek, Dressler, Henderson, Macdonald,
MacGregor, K. Evans
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

C. Rec Board Report / M21-022:

Director Kapusinski highlighted the following:

- A virtual Bingo event was held with 24 families participating.
- The seniors have been participating in drop-in programs which are free, but require registrations.
- STAR is back in the schools 100% and we are no longer offering the Study Hall program. STAR numbers are gradually increasing.
- The basketball feeder program, private trainings, and the league has been doing very well. Kyle Thomas is doing a great job.
- Kyle Goddard had a strong season with the fishing program and Fishing Derby event.
- E-sports program is going live April 1.
- Hockey and figure skating are going well. Preregistration for ice time and skate rentals has been required. There is an attendance cap of 50 people per session. It was noted this has been operating very well.
- C&M has been working on an interactive park page for the website.
- The digital spring brochure comes out this Monday, March 22.

Commissioner McGinn commended Kyle Thomas on a job well done on the basketball program. He commended Commissioner Friedman and coaches handling the in-house programs as well as the basketball coaches handling the basketball feeder program for doing a great job.

It was noted the e-sports program can accommodate up to 20 people (reservations required). Post COVID-19, the facility and program will be evaluated with the hopes of expansion.

Commissioner McGinn commended Director Hugen on the renovation of the ice rink. He noted the ice was very well done.

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to send the Rec Board Report to the Board as presented.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0

Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, Beranek, Dressler, Henderson, Macdonald,
MacGregor, K. Evans
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

D. Facilities Board Report / M21-032:

Director Bechtold highlighted the following:

- The golf course has opened and had a very successful opening weekend.
- Preferred tee times begin on March 27.
- March Madness is the first golf event of the season and it is sold out!
- The Breakfast with the Bunny event is almost sold out.
- Staff utilized the new snow plow sweeper to clear ice and snow off of the greens at the golf course.
- The Friday Fish Fry has been going well and will continue through Friday, April 2.
- IAPD has selected Bridges to host one of IAPD's golf outings. It will be held in June 2021.
- 117 new memberships enrolled at The Club in February 2021.
- A Registered Dietician has been hired to work with members at The Club.

Commissioner Friedman noted how impressive The Club looks and how the renovation came out.

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to send the Facilities Board Report to the Board as presented.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Beranek, Henderson, Macdonald, MacGregor, K.
Evans
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Dressler (left meeting due to a technical issue)

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Commissioner Chhatwani congratulated Chairman K. Evans on winning the HEChamber's Volunteer of the Year award. She added a thank you to her fellow Commissioners, the Community Representatives, and the staff for all she has been able to learn from everyone and for all they continue to do.

Comm Rep Beranek is looking forward to the interactive parks map being created by the C&M Department.

Comm Rep MacGregor complimented Director Hugen on his playground design for the Birch Park project. He added he is looking forward to returning to The Club as more and more people are being vaccinated.

Comm Rep Macdonald thanked Kyle Goddard for the ice fishing event and noted his family thoroughly enjoyed it! He commended Director Hugen for the great work being done in-house by staff and noted it is saving the district money. In addition, he is looking forward to the interactive parks map being created by the C&M Department.

Comm Rep Henderson thanked Executive Assistant Logan for her help in preparing for the meeting. She added a congratulations to Chairman K. Evans on winning the HEChamber's Volunteer of the Year award. She thanked all staff for their efforts and noted how proud she is to be a part of this park district.

Chairman K. Evans noted it is great the District has two sheets of ice that are doing so well. He added it is encouraging that members are returning to The Club. He thanked staff for the hard work that goes into updating and/or dissolving agreements and contracts.

8. Adjournment:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Beranek, Henderson, Macdonald, MacGregor, K. Evans
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Dressler

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Monica Logan
Executive Assistant