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**MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
May 18, 2021**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on May 18, 2021 at 7:51 p.m. remotely via ZOOM.

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

Absent: Comm Rep Henderson

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 Reps Wilson, Aguilar

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 6-0-1
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Beranek, Dressler, MacGregor, Macdonald, K. Evans
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Henderson

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Beranek to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting as presented.

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

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Programs for All / M21-49:

Executive Director Talsma explained that this initiative is a way to provide opportunity to those who may not be able to participate in our programs.

Director Kapusinski highlighted that staff met with Districts 15 and 54 with the drafted concept of this plan. Both school districts were supportive of this initiative. The school districts' social workers will share the application with their families in need.

Applications will be collected through the social workers and then submitted to the Park District. Families will be notified if there is space available closer to the start of the program. There is no cost for the families to participate once selected.

Comm Rep Dressler asked if District 211 students can be included in this. Executive Director Talsma responded that we can contact D211, but we decided to start with the younger students.

Commissioner K. Evans asked how the program will work if a Programs for All child fills a spot and then a paying customer comes in to register and the class is full. Executive Director Talsma responded that the class roster would not change and those enrolled would stay in the class.

Commissioner K. Evans asked if this was only for program enrollment or if it included Seascape admission. Executive Director Talsma shared that the HEParks Foundation can still cover memberships.

Commissioner Friedman stated that this a great program.

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dressler to recommend to the Board the implementation of the Programs for All initiative.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Beranek, Dressler, MacGregor, Macdonald, K. Evans

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Henderson

B. Rec Board Report / M21-048:

Aquatic Manager Liz Blake was introduced.

Director Kapusinski highlighted the following:

- Gymnastics numbers are up for spring. New classes added to accommodate waitlists.
- Park clean-up volunteer events were very successful.
- Senior programs are picking up and new events are scheduled for summer.
- STAR enrollment for the 21/22 is increasing.
- Camp enrollment filled at both TC and WRC sites, so two SD54 schools have been added for summer.
- E-sports tournament last week had 19 participants. An open house is scheduled for May 19.
- Hockey spring league enrollment surpassed spring 2019.

Director Kapusinski shared the new interactive Park Map on the HEParks website.

Comm Rep MacGregor asked if the park amenities can be alphabetized vertically instead of horizontally.

Comm Rep Dressler asked if we can get different community neighborhoods involved to share pictures of their local parks.

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

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

C. Facilities Board Report / M21-052:

Director Bechtold highlighted the following for Golf:

- Golf round totals are up.
- Jr. Golf program is sold out.
- Group lesson enrollment is increasing.
- Ladies league is starting soon.
- New mask guidelines will help upcoming special events and weddings.

Executive Director Talsma shared the updated mask guidelines in relation to the CDC guidance. Masks are no longer required for staff or patrons who are vaccinated. If anyone is working with children under the age of 12, masks are still required.

Director Bechtold highlighted the following for The Club:

- Membership enrollment is increasing. This is the second month with a positive growth.
- The sales staff is contacting members who cancelled their membership when the mandated mask rule was set to see if they would like to return.
- A new dietician, Shannon, is on staff working with members.

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

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

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep MacGregor stated that the Programs for All is a great use of open space. He was glad to vote for this.

Comm Rep Dressler thanked Director Hugen and The Club staff for hosting the Chamber event. She stated the changes at The Club were gorgeous. She was also happy to see the younger group in the weight room.

Comm Rep Beranek was proud of the Programs for All and stated it was a great benefit for economic diversity. She highlighted that she is having a baby soon and will miss the next meeting.

Commissioner Chhatwani thanked the STAR program for making cards for Nurses Day. She would like to volunteer at the park clean-up event next year. She stated that the website looks amazing and is looking forward to summer.

Chairman K. Evans welcomed Liz Blake. He stated that the map enhancements on the website look really cool and wants to make sure we highlight this feature out at the parks.

8. Adjournment:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Alisa Kapusinski
Director of Recreation