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**MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
July 20, 2021**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on July 20, 2021 at 7:28 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman Chhatwani, Commissioner Kaplan, Comm Reps Beranek, Henderson, MacGregor

Absent: Comm Rep Macdonald

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Golf & Facilities Bechtold, Director of Finance & Administration Hopkins

Audience: President Kinnane, Commissioners Friedman, McGinn, Dressler, K. Evans, Community Member Jennifer McIlrath

2. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Beranek to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2021 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

Director Kapusinski introduced Jennifer McIlrath, who was observing this meeting and had applied to be a new Community Representative for the Recreation & Facilities

Committee. Ms. McIlrath has been a frequent patron of the District's preschool and other programs and facilities.

6. New Business:

A. Recreation Board Report and 2Q Goals / M21-066

Director Kapusinski highlighted the following:

- As of the June announcement of the Phase 5 COVID-19 guidelines, everyone is back at 100%. The seniors are the most excited to be back. We have a full summer schedule for them, including game nights, Bingo nights and special events. We have expanded the Wii bowling group and pickleball times. The Vegas Dinner Night at Bridges was a success.
- Natalie is working hard on preschool promotions. Since numbers were down last year, she is thinking outside the box. Natalie has included advertising on the swim lesson report cards, and is doing verbal advertising by engaging with parents of small children at the various splash pads.
- The summer camps have added a third site and all are sold out.
- Kyle Thomas organized a successful Girls Summer Slam Shootout, which included six high school-level basketball teams.
- The fishing program organized by Kyle Goddard is going well.
- The pickleball program continues to grow. The seniors group recruited the #2 player in the world to come to our courts and provide lessons. The event was sold out.
- In the aquatics department, Seascape is very busy! Our pool pass sales have surpassed those of 2019. Swim lessons, both indoor and outdoor, have returned with good numbers.
- The marketing staff have been working hard promoting everything across the entire district via social media, marquis, and newspapers.

Commissioner Kaplan asked about concessions at the pool. Director Kapusinski stated that sales are going well. They do close if attendance is low after camps leave. Patrons do like the food, and Garibaldi's also caters every party tent event. He seems pleased with the business.

Comm Rep MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to send the Rec Board Report and 2Q Goals to the full Board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Facilities Board Report and 2Q Goals / M21-069:

Director Bechtold highlighted the following for Bridges:

- The beginning of the summer went well for golf, before we were more recently impacted by rain in 9 of the last 13 days of the month.
- Events are picking up for Food & Beverage; we are receiving many inquiries for smaller events. The biggest challenge is supplies. Vendors are still having a difficult time filling orders.
- Golf outings are doing well. We've had a couple of larger outings recently.
- In terms of maintenance, we recently completed some root pruning around the tees and greens to keep the roots from pushing the turf up in these areas. Director Bechtold presented a photo of the tool that was rented and explained its function.
- Director Bechtold provided a reminder that applying sunscreen or bug spray while standing on the turf will kill the grass. He presented a photo example of footprints with dead grass around them.
- Commissioner Dressler asked if it was possible to add signage regarding sunscreen and bug spray. Director Bechtold stated they have considered this.
- Comm Rep Henderson asked if there is a ride along fee at the golf course for non-playing guests. Director Bechtold stated that there is a \$12 fee, but it is common at most facilities for a ride-along fee to be charged.

Director Bechtold highlighted the following for The Club:

- Membership numbers are up with 124 new memberships in June, and 100 new student members as well.
- Outdoor fitness classes are being offered, partnering with the Village of Hoffman Estates. Program Manager Sarah Koeckritz and her staff have worked hard to organize this. These are pop-up events offered at various locations, including Hideaway and South Ridge.
- An open house is planned for October 2 as a sales push heading into the late fall/winter months. More details to follow.

Comm Rep Kaplan asked if membership was doing well. Executive Director Talsma stated that the goal was to add 1,000 new members in 2021, and we are at 683. We are timing the open house to push for the winter months.

President Kinnane asked for an update on the Windy City Bulls contract. Director Bechtold stated that this is moving forward. Court resurfacing and other items are still being worked out.

Commissioner Evans asked if the outdoor fitness classes are open to the public or only members of The Club. Director Bechtold stated that these are open to the public, and are offered at several locations. The classes held at Hideaway Brew Garden are the most attended.

Director Bechtold stated that we are looking for part-time help, so please spread the word. There are job postings on the website. Kudos to the full-time staff for working extra shifts to cover what is needed

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to send the Facilities Board Report and 2Q Goals to the full Board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Commissioner Kaplan congratulated Comm Rep Beranek on the birth of her son. He said goodbye to Executive Assistant Logan and welcome to Executive Assistant Flynn.

Chairman Chhatwani thanked Executive Assistant Logan, and welcome Executive Assistant Flynn.

Comm Rep MacGregor thanked Executive Assistant Logan, and welcome Executive Assistant Flynn. He congratulated Director Hugen on the great work at Black Bear.

Comm Rep Henderson thanked Executive Assistant Logan.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant