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**MINUTES
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
July 20, 2021**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Buildings & Grounds Committee was held on July 20, 2021 at 6:59 p.m. at Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman McGinn, Commissioner K. Evans, Comm Rep Aguilar, Comm Rep Bettencourt, Comm Rep Poeschel, Comm Rep R. Evans, Comm Rep Sernett

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

Audience: President Kinnane, Commissioners Chhatwani, Friedman, Dressler and Kaplan, Community Member Jen McIlrath

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt 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:

None

6. New Business:

A. Parks, Planning & Maintenance Board Report / M21-064

Director Hugen highlighted the following:

1. Birch Park renovation project is going well. The dry weather in the spring helped. Concrete has been poured. Seeding is still planned for after August 15. Playground installation begins July 21.
2. There have been multiple acts of vandalism over the past couple of months at Fabbri Park, near the bathroom, and mostly around the July 4 weekend. We lost a urinal and a toilet, as well as a drinking fountain. There was a bonfire in the parking lot. Two kids have been identified and brought in for questioning. Vandalism seems to have stopped since the questioning.

Executive Director Talsma added the vandalism has resulted in somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000 worth of damage.

Commissioner McGinn asked about signage or a camera. Director Hugen said if we put a sign out saying we have a camera, we need to have a camera. Director Hugen has spoken to a few security camera vendors and is looking into options.

Commissioner Dressler stated she has contact information for a patron who has identified the kids involved in the vandalism.

President Kinnane stated that the vandalism is being discussed on social media.

Commissioner K. Evans asked if the parents of the kids involved would be financially responsible if the kids are identified. Director Hugen said yes, but it might be difficult to collect.

Comm Rep R. Evans asked for clarification on kids pushing back when questioned about bonfire. Director Hugen said they responded by saying they were approved by the Park District.

3. Mulching Playgrounds: approximately 32 playgrounds are getting new mulch this summer. The project is going well and parks are looking good.
4. Pat McGinn asked if Tropicana splash pad was down for maintenance. Director Hugen said that the push button was broken, possibly from vandalism but can't be sure. A replacement park has been ordered from Canada and is expected to arrive in the next couple of days.

5. Comm Rep MacGregor walked the Black Bear disc golf course with Director Hugen which resulted in a few changes to the holes. Commissioner K. Evans thanked both of them for taking the time to make the improvements.
6. Comm Rep R. Evans asked about the 2nd Quarter Goals which mentioned a possible splash pad at Seascap. Executive Director Talsma said the District is still looking to replace the sand volleyball court with some other feature, but hasn't specified what kind yet. There is not any set programming at the volleyball courts at Seascap, and the sand tends to find its way to the water features.

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to forward the Parks, Planning and Maintenance Board Report to the full Board. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep Sernett: Asked about personnel and wages. Executive Director Talsma said we are keeping competitive.

Comm Rep Sernett: Thinking about the event in Florida, asked if there was a crack in our pool, where would the water run? Director Hugen said we have an underground sump draining system which would prevent any kind of sink hole.

Comm Rep Aguilar: Great job, staff. South Ridge looks really nice.

Comm Rep R. Evans: Goodbye to Executive Assistant Logan and welcome to Executive Assistant Flynn.

Comm Rep Poeschel: The disc golf course is more user friendly and more challenging. Kudos to Director Hugen and staff for their resilience and continually changing priorities and adjusting to weather and other obstacles.

Commissioner McGinn: Thanks to Chris MacGregor for walking the disc golf course with Director Hugen. Thank you to Director Hugen and staff. Thank you to Executive Assistant Logan.

Commissioner K. Evans: Kudos to Director Hugen for all of the work. Thank you to Executive Assistant Logan and welcome to Executive Assistant Flynn.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep R. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive