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**MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
March 15, 2022**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on March 15, 2022 at 7:19 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman Chhatwani, President Kinnane, Commissioner Kaplan, Comm Rep Beranek

Absent: Comm Reps Henderson, Macdonald, MacGregor and McIlrath

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Parks, Planning and Maintenance Hugen, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Golf & Facilities Bechtold, Director of Administrative Services Cahill, Director of Administration and Finance Hopkins, Executive Assistant Flynn

Audience: Commissioners Friedman, McGinn, Evans and Dressler, Comm Rep Aguililar

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 Beranek to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Recreation Board Report / M22-022:

Director Kapusinski introduced two new staff members:

- Steve Dietz is the new Superintendent of Recreation. He started August 2021 as the Willow Recreation Center Facility Manager, and was promoted to his new position after Pat Bodame resigned.
- Matthew Shepherd is a Recreation intern. He is studying at Southern Illinois University and is completing a one-semester internship as part of his degree. He will be working with us through the month of May.

Director Kapusinski highlighted the following:

- This month's report is a summary of February activity. The winter programs are underway, and final winter numbers will be available next month.
- The Shotokan Karate program has 102 participants, compared to 55 last year.
- There are 382 students enrolled in gymnastics (69 last year). The move to Vogelei has had no negative impact on enrollment. We changed the sessions to 4 weeks, and parents seem to like this format.
- Registration just started for District 54 STAR programs. District 15 is still working out its hours for next year, so enrollment is delayed.
- The basketball season is wrapping up.
- Baseball has 201 enrolled so far, compared to 177 last year.
- Hoffman United has 86 participants in mini-soccer (22 last year).
- The pickleball league has 18 teams and is in week 3. A new spring league will begin in May, outdoor at Fabbrini.
- For our ice programs, the fall hockey league just ended. Our programs won many tournaments during the season. A highlight was the girls U10 Wolverines team won their mixed division.
- Registration for the spring hockey league is underway. So far we have 193 registered participants, compared to 173 last year.
- Figure skating has 143 students enrolled (168 last year).
- Our swim lesson program has been running without an aquatics manager. Kim Harrison has been hired and will start March 28. Other staff have been helping out with lessons to keep the program running.
- We are still hiring, and the "Now Hiring" web page is one of our top 5 visited pages for the first time, after simplifying the application and job postings. We are now offering to include fitness memberships, golf and pool access to part-time employees.

Commissioner Friedman noted that the basketball season went well. He coached two teams (3rd/4th grades and 5th/6th grades). His teams played at Willow and Triphahn Center, and everything was very well run. Most teams were able to play 8 to 10 games, despite the two-week shut-down.

Commissioner Friedman also attended the Rage baseball clinic, which had about 30 kids in attendance (5 from his teams).

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by President Kinnane to send the Recreation Board Report to the full Board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Facilities Board Report / M22-026:

Director Bechtold highlighted the following for Bridges:

- Spring events are upcoming: March Madness is sold out with 144 players. Breakfast with the Bunny is sold out with 225 attendees, plus a wait list.
- The TopTracer Range opened March 1. There were 117 reservations in the first week, and we are receiving great reviews. We have return customers already.
- Bridges opens March 16, and there are 140 tee times scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday.
- The Fish Fry has done well, with 113 guests the first week, 82 the second week. Staff is working hard and filling many to-go orders as well.
- We have hired many part-time workers for the season; 40 in the past week. Banquet servers are still needed.
- Andy Kersten, our new Assistant Golf Course Maintenance Supervisor started on March 14, working with PJ Bugay. Andy comes to us from Boulder Ridge Country Club.

Director Bechtold highlighted the following for The Club:

- February was the last month with mask and vaccine mandates. We had 84 new members. So far in March, we have enrolled 57 and are hopeful that numbers will continue to climb. We will promote to those who canceled during COVID, letting them know we still are keeping the facility clean and spaced out.
- 71% of members used the facility this month. Usually we are around 55-60%, so this is a good sign.
- Staff has run a couple of kids' days, with 22 attending the first day. These are held during specific classes.
- Staff is doing a great job with Member Highlights.

Comm Rep Aguilar noted that his family celebrated his daughter's birthday at The Club. They received wonderful comments on how great the facility is, and how many options were available to them. The staff was very helpful.

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by President Kinnane to send the Facilities Board Report to the full Board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

President Kinnane noted that he signed up for the pickleball league, and the sport is harder than it looks, but he is having a lot of fun. He also thanked the staff for their hard work

Commissioner Kaplan said staff presented great reports. He added that he is participating in the pickleball league, his first time in a league with the District. It is very well run, and if this is how all HEParks leagues are run, we are in great shape.

Commissioner Chhatwani thanked the staff for their work. She added that it was nice to see everyone greeting each other this evening.

8. Adjournment:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by President Kinnane to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant