

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
March 21, 2023

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on March 21, 2023 at 7:22 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner Friedman, Comm Reps Beranek, Bettencourt, Henderson and MacGregor, Chairman Dressler

Absent: Comm Rep McIlrath, Student Liaison Vega

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Golf & Facilities Bechtold, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Finance & IT Hopkins, Executive Assistant Flynn, Superintendent of IT John Agudelo, IT Specialist Kevin Hassler

Audience: President Kinnane, Commissioners Chhatwani, Evans and McGinn, Comm Rep Macdonald, Karrie Miletic,

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 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 / M23-025

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to forward the Recreation and Communications/Marketing March Board Report to be included in the March Executive Director's Report.

Director Kapusinski introduced Karrie Miletic, the new Superintendent of Recreation Programs. Director Kapusinski added the following highlights:

- Programs for All is currently serving 48 children. These eligibilities and registrations are coordinated through school social workers.
- Little STARS childcare (full day childcare) is back to pre-COVID numbers.
- Enrollment for preschool and STAR has begun.
- The Willow location of Kinder STAR, which serves District 15 ½-day kindergarten, currently has 26 students enrolled for this year, and we are at 38 already for next year.
- Youth baseball and soccer seasons are starting soon. Coaches' meetings are taking place and teams are being formed.
- Spring hockey registration has begun. This is a mini season. As of today, 173 are enrolled, 30 more than last spring. Fall and winter are peak hockey seasons.
- Pure Development Hockey with Brent Sopol is small group training; 45 players are enrolled.

Comm Rep Henderson asked at what point the District would bring in more instructors if you reach a limit. Director Kapusinski responded that some programs are capped to keep the focus. Others will have a waitlist and will add another instructor or section if we have enough on the waitlist. The other planning portion of that is space.

Commissioner McGinn asked if we are taking reservations for the Community Garden Plots. Director Kapusinski said that yes, reservations have started. We reach out to current renters first. It does usually fill.

Comm Rep Beranek asked how the Girls Night Out event went. Commissioner Dressler said it was a successful event.

Commissioner Dressler noted that she attended the Irish Dance performance on St. Patrick's Day in the Senior Center, and added how talented the dancers are.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Facilities Board Report / M23-026

Comm Rep MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to forward the Facilities March Board Report to be included in the March Executive Director's Report.

Director Bechtold presented an overview of the written board report for Bridges of Poplar Creek, highlighting the following:

- The golf course opens tomorrow; staff is looking forward to getting the season started. PJ and his crew are getting things ready.
- There are 24 teams registered for March Madness event.
- Other events are filling up. Toptracer leagues on Monday and Thursday are sold out. Wednesday night is 70% full.
- We had a good turnout for the Fish Fry the first few weeks. We will have live music this coming Friday.

Director Bechtold highlighted the following items regarding The Club:

- The facility had a great month, adding 156 new members, and up 231 for the year.
- The age range demographics report is included in the board report. The younger age range has been a success since renovation.
- We have 82% of members visiting The Club.
- The HIIT membership is up to 105.
- There were 105 facility rentals this past month.

Comm Rep Henderson asked what an overnight lock-in is. Director Bechtold explained that this is a rental for groups to stay in the facility overnight, with activities planned, order pizza, etc.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep MacGregor said he is happy to be back, and hopes his schedule will work out now.

Comm Rep Henderson said staff is doing a bang up job, and thank you.

Comm Rep Beranek said that Palatine has an indoor playground and asked if HEParks had ever considered this. Executive Director Talsma said he doesn't believe we have, but we do not have the space for this. Commissioner McGinn added that West Chicago has a nice one at the ARC Center.

Commissioner Friedman said that he coached all-star teams at NOW Arena. He has used the fitness shelf for his baseball team. Thank you to staff for the help with this. The front desk staff does a great job on Saturdays during basketball season.

Commissioner Dressler said welcome to Karrie. She added that her son and his fiancé are searching for a wedding venue.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant