

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1088
April 25, 2023

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: President Kinnane, Commissioners Chhatwani, Dressler (phone), Evans, Friedman, and Kaplan

Absent: Commissioner McGinn

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Finance and IT Hopkins, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Golf & Facilities Bechtold, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Huguenot, Executive Assistant Flynn, Superintendent of IT Agudelo

Audience: Comm Reps Kulkarni (7:10), Wilson (7:05), Karrie Miletic, Don Frye and spouse, Jennifer Myszka and family, Jodi Schultz, Oluremi Odediran

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Recognition:

President Kinnane presented a longevity proclamation, as well as first quarter awards for the Best of Hoffman, and full- and part-time employees of the quarter.

Jennifer Myszka and family, Don Frye and spouse, and Oluremi Odediran left the meeting.

5. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to recess the Board Meeting at 7:11 p.m. for the purpose of convening the A&F Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Comm Reps Kulkarni and Wilson left the meeting.

7. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held March 28, 2023 as amended to change the Committee Member Comments to show that President Kinnane commented about the Planning & Zoning Commission. The motion carried by voice vote.

8. Comments from the Audience:

None

9. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to approve the consent agenda items A through G.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan, Kinnane

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 McGinn

- A. Pine Park School District 15 MOU / M23-038 (see B&G April packet)
- B. Financial Statement Analysis March 2023 (see A&F April packet)
- C. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$491,270.87 (see A&F April packet)
- D. Revenue and Expenditure Report and District-Wide Operations Statement (see A&F April packet)
- E. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 3/21/2023 (see B&G April packet)
- F. Acceptance of Rec & Facilities Minutes 3/21/2023 (see Rec & Facilities April packet)
- G. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 3/28/2023 (see A&F April packet)

10. President's Report:

President Kinnane reported the following:

- Attended the Planning & Zoning Commission, Lions Club and SLSF Golf Planning Committee meetings
- Attended Coffee with the Board
- Attended Wine Wednesday and Bon Appetit with Chamber of Commerce
- Congratulations to Commissioners Friedman and Kaplan on their re-election
- Will be volunteering at the Elgin PADS location this weekend

- Kevin Matthews will be at St. Hubert Church this coming weekend giving his Broken Mary presentation.

11. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

12. Old Business:

None

13. New Business:

A. Board Officer Elections and Appointments Discussion

Commissioner Evans noted that this discussion is often left until May, and if commissioners discuss outside of the meetings, it can only be one on one, so he would like to get any questions answered today. He added that this is not to bring about resolution, elections or nominations today, but just to discuss one month ahead of time. This is regarding who would like to hold the office positions for the next year.

Commissioner Evans would like the president's role not to extend past two years if there are other capable and interested members to give everyone a chance at serving.

Commissioner Dressler asked if there is anything written in the by-laws about terms. Executive Director Talsma said that we do not have bylaws about this but our policy stipulates the election process, and there are no specific term limits. Commissioner Dressler replied that she understands there is an unwritten three-year term, but feels that it doesn't make sense with the board election terms.

Executive Director Talsma said that all park districts are different. Some rotate, where others have the same president for 15-20 years, as there is no rule or law on years of service.

Commissioner Kaplan said he did understand the three-year unspoken term, and that President Kinnane understood he would have a third term as president.

President Kinnane said we should have a discussion among the entire board about how we want to do this going forward. He added that he will nominate Commissioner Chhatwani for Vice President.

Commissioner Evans stated that he likes the idea of Commissioner Chhatwani being nominated for Vice President with the idea that she would be nominated for President next year.

Commissioner Chhatwani said we should take it year-by-year and see how it goes.

Commissioner Evans asked if the Community Representatives would be returning.

Executive Director Talsma noted that Comm Rep Aguilar is the only one who has declined another year of service.

Regarding our Student Liaisons, two of them will graduate and we will open it back up for those two positions. We will have these reps until July. One is a junior, and the board consensus is that they can return if participating.

14. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Evans said he went to the pool at The Club with his granddaughter. He noticed some words were spoken about lane assignments, and was impressed with staff responding immediately. Some of the Triphahn Center Fitness members attending The Club during renovation do not know the routines. He added that The Club looks great.

Commissioner Friedman asked about missing equipment from Huntington Park. Director Hugen replied that it arrived this morning. Adam Mogilinski spoke to the contractor who is on another job, but they will send two workers back to our site. When they are finished, HEParks staff will put the fall surface down. We are about two weeks out to opening.

Commissioner Friedman asked about lifeguards. Director Kapusinski said we are in great shape.

Commissioner Chhatwani said congratulations to President Kinnane and Commissioners Kaplan and Friedman on their re-elections. She added that she joined the committee for the Distinguished Accreditation to evaluate other park districts. She is learning this year and will be in the field next year.

Commissioner Kaplan congratulated Executive Director Talsma and staff for the Gold Medal Finalist award.

Executive Director Talsma noted that the NRPA Conference will be October 10-12 in Dallas, and to please let Cindy Flynn know if interested.

Commissioner Evans thanked the District for their support of the Bon Appetit event, for both the Bridges table and the raffle baskets. It was a good community event.

Commissioner Dressler thanked the District for the Bon Appetit and the Rotary donations. She is excited about Kite Day. We received a shout out from the house representative for Dist. 80 during the Realtor's meeting in Springfield when he heard she is a Commissioner. Excited about connecting a community partner with the Park District regarding dance classes. Attended a 2 ½ day seminar on Financial Sustainability and then spoke with Nicole and found out that we do all of the things she learned about. Congratulations on being a well-run District. Finally, she met the Executive Director, Board President and Superintendent of Recreation from West Chicago Park District for coffee. They liked the Community Representative program that we have, and she thinks that this can be presented at the IAPD/IPRA Conference.

President Kinnane congratulated Commissioner Chhatwani on her new committee appointment, and thanked Executive Director Talsma and staff for their work.

15. Adjournment:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant