

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
April 18, 2023

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on April 18, 2023 at 7:24 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Commissioner Friedman, Comm Reps Bettencourt and McIlrath

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Golf & Facilities Bechtold, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Executive Assistant Flynn, Superintendent of IT John Agudelo, IT Specialist Kevin Hassler

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Beranek to approve the minutes of the March 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 and 1st Quarter 2023 Goals / M23-034

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to forward the April Recreation Board Report to be included in the April Executive Director's Report.

Director Kapusinski noted the following highlights:

- This month's report summarizes March activities, which wraps up the winter season. Next month's report will highlight enrollment for April and May.
- The TC Fitness Center closed for renovations on April 12 and is planned to reopen on May 6. Current members can go to Willow or The Club during the closure.
- The Bunny Drive-By stopped at 44 homes. We also had three egg hunts, one for each area of the District.
- The new Kite Fly event is scheduled for May 6. Chicago Kite will be in attendance for a demonstration. Crafts and story time will also be included.
- Little Stars enrollment is at its highest since opening in 2009.
- Ice programs, youth and adult basketball, figure skating and swimming are all having very strong enrollments.
- The MORE van is complete and looks great!

Commissioner Dressler asked if we were having any staffing issues. Director Kapusinski said we are in good shape.

Commissioner Evans asked if we reached out to any specific groups who might be interested in kite flying. Director Kapusinski said we have not done that yet, but could do so.

Comm Rep Henderson motioned to include the 1st Quarter Goals in the Board Report that will be included in the Executive Director's report.

The motion carried, as amended, by voice vote.

B. Facilities Board Report and 1st Quarter 2023 Goals / M23-035

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to forward the Facilities April Board Report and 1st Quarter 2023 Goals to be included in the April Executive Director's Report.

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

- Poor weather in March left us with only eight playable days. However, we did have over 500 rounds played during Easter weekend.
- The SRT Golf Outing will be Wednesday, June 7.
- The SLSF Foundation outing is Wednesday, May 10.

- Toptracer is going strong, with 584 hours last month.
- The Fish Fry went well, with only one low week due to bad weather. We received several requests to keep it going, and will try to do this in the fall. Look for late summer announcements.
- Breakfast with the Bunny had 290 attendees.
- We have 2 weddings booked for 2024 so far.

Director Bechtold highlighted the following items regarding The Club:

- The Club had a busy month, adding 123 new members.
- Usage is at 79% for this month.
- Rentals have picked up as well (birthday parties and gym rentals).
- The HIIT program is up to 116 members.
- Club Staff have done a good job of running special events for the members to keep them engaged.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep MacGregor said he can't wait for great weather to return. Great job on the events. He loves to see the numbers for Toptracer.

Comm Rep Henderson said a friend who lives on the pond at Black Bear Park said the cattails are taking over. Director Huguen said we treat the cattails at that park every spring. We can't remove all of them, because it would take away the oxygen needed by the fish.

Student Rep Vega said she is excited for the kite event, because it reminds her of home. Hopefully the weather will be nice.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant