

**MINUTES**  
**RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**May 16, 2023**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on May 16, 2023 at 7:29 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

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 MacGregor 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 Friedman requested that his attendance be corrected. Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 meeting as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Comments from the Audience:**

None

**5. Old Business:**

None

6. **New Business:**

A. Recreation Board Report / M23-040

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

Director Kapusinski noted the following highlights:

- The re-opening of the Triphahn Center Fitness Center took priority. As of May 16, we have added 59 memberships since opening May 6.
- Pushing promotions and advertising for the fitness center.
- Kite Fly Day was a success. We had professional kite flyers attend, and at one point there were more than 100 kites in the sky at one time.
- This weekend we will host the Kids to Parks Day.
- Our childcare program has the highest enrollment since 2009, serving 51 kids in full-day child care.
- A new site was added for summer camp to clear a growing wait list.
- Athletics are doing well. New basketball camps were added. Soccer is up 100 players from last year. Pickleball is booming. Brent Sopol added a hockey moms' class and a "Never Too Late" class for dads.
- A Figure Skating show was held last Saturday with 75 skaters and over 300 attendees.
- We have sold 569 Seascape season passes, and are still advertising for these.
- This year we changed the minimum age to attend Seascape without an adult to 12 (the minimum age was 9 in prior years). We are working on the communication for this and will have extra staff to help with clarification.

Commissioner Dressler asked if we were having any behavioral issues since the pandemic. Director Kapusinski said we do have behavioral management training for our camp staff, but we have not had any abnormal issues since the pandemic.

Commissioner Beranek asked if a child needs to live in a school's zone to attend that camp. Director Kapusinski said you may choose the camp your child attends. We try to balance the offerings on the north and south sides of town.

Commissioner Beranek asked if there are any parent tot swim classes offered after work hours. Director Kapusinski replied that the evening and weekend swim is at The Club. Seascape swim lessons are only before the public swim time.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Facilities Board Report / M23-047

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

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

- April weather was shaky, but still had a decent number of rounds last month. Toptracer was active and well on pace for budget.
- The golf course is in good condition. The greens took longer than expected to recover from aeration, but staff is working hard to help that along.
- We have had four or five baby/bridal showers booked this week, plus a few memorials. In some occasions we will have multiple events in the building at the same time.
- Marketing – staff attended Bon Appetit at Bell Works. They served the Mozzatillas, and are hoping to see some bookings from that event.

Director Bechtold highlighted the following items regarding The Club:

- The Club added 117 new members this month, and are up 322 for the year. Usage is good. The student pass is off and running with good numbers.
- Rentals have been popular as well as shown in the report.
- Marketing at The club has included a Summer Sneaker Challenge, which involves a wall display where members can move their sneaker for each milestone.

Commissioner Evans asked if we are doing rentals for the 50+ Pickleball Club. Director Bechtold said that on rainy days they are at The Club. There is a \$3 drop-in fee; it is only free if you are a member of The Club. It is free for them at Triphahn Center.

Commissioner Evans asked if there is a requirement to book lanes in the swimming pool. Director Bechtold said that this began during Covid so you could come in during a certain time and be guaranteed to have a place to work out. You can only book up to one week out. If you come in and a lane is open, you can put your name on the lane at that time too. We do monitor no-shows, and a few have been told they cannot reserve anymore. Commissioner Kaplan asked if we have tried two swimmers per lane. Director Bechtold said that most swimmers want a lane to themselves, but if two people come in and say they want to share a lane, that is fine.

Comm Rep Macdonald asked what the estimated membership increment was from the renovation. Director Bechtold said the goal was to get back to 3,000 members within five or six years. We are at 2,700+ which is ahead of schedule.

The motion carried by voice vote.

## 7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Commissioner Friedman asked about the National Gold Medal Video and if we will know the winner in advance. Executive Director Talsma has we are finalizing the video that is due May 25, and that they do not announce the winner until the NRPA Conference in October.

Commissioner Friedman asked if we have an “Adopt-a-Bench” program. Executive Director Talsma said yes, and there is a fee. The program is listed under Memorials on the website.

Comm Rep Henderson asked if you get to decide where you want your bench. Executive Director Talsma said that it needs to be along a pathway, and needs a concrete pad. Director Huguen added that we don’t have a lot of options left.

Comm Rep Henderson added “kudos” for getting a grant for the park.

Commissioner Dressler thanked everyone for participating in the committee this past year. She recognized three of our Community Reps – Chad Bettencourt (8 years); Pearl Henderson (8 years) and Jennifer McIlrath (2 years).

**8. Adjournment:**

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma  
Secretary

Cindy Flynn  
Executive Assistant