

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
July 18, 2023

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on July 18, 2023 at 7:54 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Chairman Dressler

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

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to approve the minutes of the May 16, 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 MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to forward the July Recreation Board Report and 2nd Quarter 2023 Goals to be included in the July Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director Talsma introduced Karrie Miletic as the Director of Recreation and staff liaison for this committee.

Director Miletic noted the following highlights:

- The Unplug event was well attended and well run. The Bubble Guy was very popular. We collaborated with the police department and the library.
- This coming Saturday, the indoor Fun in the Sun event is taking place at Triphahn Center to kick off and promote the childcare program.
- We have a few more Friday concerts in the park.
- Haunted Hoffman meetings are starting, with the event scheduled for October 21.
- Summer camps have run smoothly.
- Seascape has been very busy.

Comm Rep Bettencourt asked how many days were missed at Seascape with the poor air quality. Director Miletic said that the facility was closed for 2 ½ days, similar to other districts.

Executive Director Talsma added that Kimberly Barton has taken over as Superintendent of Recreation; Kyle Thomas has moved to Willow Rec Center and still oversees the basketball programs. Scott Meyer is our Facilities Manager, overseeing Triphahn Center and Willow Rec Center. Director Bechtold is overseeing the Facilities section (Willow, TC and hockey).

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Facilities Board Report and 2nd Quarter 2023 Goals / M23-061

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep MacGregor to forward the Facilities July Board Report and 2nd Quarter 2023 Goals to be included in the July Executive Director's Report.

Director Bechtold presented an overview of the written board report, highlighting the following:

- With very little rain in June, the golf course has been very busy; higher rounds than usual.
- Toptracer had 402 hours more than last year this month.
- Staff is doing a great job serving all of the guests.

- The Club is up almost 400 members on the year, and 75% of those members are using the facility on a regular basis. A few new pieces of equipment are coming in soon.
- Sarah is keeping members busy with HIIT and outdoor fitness in the park events.
- The Triphahn Center Fitness Center is showing improvement, up 72 members for the year. The marketing push will continue into the fall.
- We have hired Marisa Anstey as the Superintendent of Communications & Marketing for Recreation. She comes from IKEA and other private organizations. She has a unique skill set and will fit in well. Meanwhile, Brian Wright, Alexis Kolberg and Judy Kudron have been holding down the fort.
- We discovered some aspects of our website that we are able to update that we previously thought were outdated, and are working with the vendor on this.

Commissioner Evans asked how the bookings have been at Toptracer. Director Bechtold said the late evenings are not as busy, but from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. they are busy. He added that staff is looking into offering half off on Friday and Saturday evenings. During the day, we have all ten bays going with people ordering food and drinks.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep Beranek said she attended the World's Largest Swimming Lesson, which was well run.

Comm Rep Pilafas said he is happy to be on the committee, serving the community. It has been cool to see what goes on behind the scenes. He has two older brothers with disabilities so to see the plans for Vogelei is great. Executive Director Talsma noted that Community Rep Pilafas did his homework to be on this committee; he was very prepared for his orientation.

Comm Rep MacGregor took his grandkids to Unplug & Play, and they had a fantastic time. The Ninja course was fun, and the bubble show was fantastic. They will go back to the park next week for the splash pad. He added that they went to Huntington Park, and is very impressed with the playground equipment. His grandson can't wait to use the skateboard swing.

Commissioner Friedman said while he was at Fabbrini, there was a gentleman looking for pickleball players. The man was on a road trip and was looking for a pickup pickleball game. Commissioner Friedman told him to stop on his way back, since the courts were under renovation but would be done soon. The baseball field crew did a great job getting the field ready after some rain. He asked if there would be a water fountain at Huntington. Director Hugen said it is on the way. He also thank Director Miletic for participating in the parade. He asked if we could put Commissioners' names on the van or float.

8. **Adjournment:**

Comm Rep MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant