

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1091
August 22, 2023

1. Roll Call:

A special meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on August 22, 2023 at 7:01 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioners Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan and McGinn, President Chhatwani

Absent:

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Director of Finance and IT Hopkins, Director of Golf & Facilities Bechtold, Director of Recreation Miletic, Executive Assistant Flynn, IT Associate Hassler

Audience: Kimberly Engler, Community Reps MacGregor, Evans, Harner, Kulkarni and Winner, Residents Sean and Nicole Gorman, Ken Hammel, Greg Gorbatenko, Heather Bodziak, Heidi Lepellere, Linda de Villiers

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Comments from the Audience:

Robert Steinberg noted that the five-minute rule does not feel welcoming when there are not a lot of residents in the audience. President Chhatwani thanked Mr. Steinberg for coming and said that the board is here for the residents and all residents are welcome any time.

Greg Gorbatenko has been training kids for years in hockey. Triphahn Center is his favorite rink. He has two on the cusp on college hockey and would like to get some ice time. He is available to train in the morning. He saw the ESPN shoot that featured this facility last week. He would like to see if he can rent some ice between 9am and 12pm during the week. Executive Director Talsma said we do have some open ice time and

would be willing to make some reductions to fill the time. He told Mr. Gorbatenko he could reach out to Director Bechtold.

Heather Bodziak is a mother of two kids who play hockey. She is aware of the changes in hockey staff and would like to receive more communication from the park district. She asked if staff thought the teams would fill. She has concerns about the hockey program with the changes and would like to know what is happening with the program and who will be coaching. Executive Director Talsma said that an email went out last night with an overview and two contacts. He added that he or Director Bechtold would be more than happy to discuss this dynamic situation with the hockey parents.

5. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to recess the Board Meeting at 7:13 p.m. for the purpose of convening the A&F Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

Residents Gorman, Hammel, Gorbatenko, Bodziak, Lepellere and de Villiers left the meeting.

6. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dressler to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Comm Reps Harner, Kulkarni, Musial and Winner left the meeting. Kimberly Engler left the meeting.

7. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman to approve the minutes from the following meetings:

- Special Board Meeting – August 1, 2023
- Special Board Meeting – August 15, 2023

The motion carried by voice vote.

8. Consent Agenda:

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

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-0
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan, McGinn
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

- A. Policy Changes (see A&F August packet)
- B. Balanced Scorecard (see A&F August packet)
- C. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$614,878.94 (see A&F August packet)
- D. Revenue and Expenditure Report and District-Wide Operations Statement (see A&F August packet)
- E. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 7/18/2023 (see B&G August packet)
- F. Acceptance of Rec & Facilities Minutes 7/18/2023 (see Rec & Facilities August packet)
- G. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 8/1/2023 (see A&F August packet)

9. President's Report

President Chhatwani reported the following:

- She attended a volunteer event at Feed My Starving Children on July 14.
- She hosted an event for seniors on August 12, which included laughing yoga, painting and a talent show for seniors.
- On August 13, she attended both an India Independence Day celebration
- She attended a Multicultural Women Intending to Lead event on August 14.
- She attended two block parties with the Mayor.

10. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

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

11. Old Business:

None

12. New Business:

A. Vogelei Park Final Renovation Plans (OSLAD 2024) / M23-076

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman to approve the Vogelei Park Renovation Final Plans as presented with a budget of \$600,000 with matching funds from the OSLAD Grant of \$600,000 for a total of \$1,200,000.

Commissioner Friedman asked if there was any baseball area at Vogelei. Director Hugen said there was one field many years ago before the pond was put in, and there was a soccer field before the original maintenance building was constructed. Vogelei used to be a sports complex.

Director Hugen presented the updated playground drawings.

Commissioner Dressler said she noticed that the deadline had been extended and asked if staff was ready to submit. Executive Director Talsma said we are just about ready, but

need to pass a resolution authorizing the application, and we will do this at next week's special board meeting.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-0
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan, McGinn
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

13. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Evans said he saw Brian Wright and Marisa Anstley at a local ribbon cutting today, and said it was nice to see the District represented.

Comm Rep MacGregor and Robert Steinberg left the meeting.

14. Executive Session:

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman to move to Executive session at 7:54 p.m. for the purposes of:

- A. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.
- B. The selection of a person to fill a public office, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 Section 2(c)(3) of the Open Meetings Act.

On a Roll Call Vote: Carried 6-0-0
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan, McGinn
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

15. Adjournment:

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant