

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
August 15, 2023

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on August 15, 2023 at 7:42 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Comm Reps Bettencourt and MacGregor

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

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Friedman 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:

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to approve the minutes of the July 18, 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 / M23-078

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

Director Miletic introduced Kimberly Barton as the new Superintendent of Recreation. She added that Kimberly is expecting a baby any day, but she has accomplished a lot of work in her first few weeks in the role.

Director Miletic noted two other new hires: Paige Calvey, who comes to us from Wheeling Park District, is our new General Program Manager. Paige will rotate between departments, helping in busy times for each area. Will Lieb was hired as our Athletic Program Manager; and we have also hired Andrew Puccetti, the new Early Childhood Coordinator

Director Miletic added that there will be an end of year bash at Seascape this coming Friday. The event will have a luau theme and proceeds will be donated to those affected by the Maui fires.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Facilities Board Report and / M23-077

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

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

- Staff at Bridges have been creating a lot of new events. Fur Days has been a huge success. Some animal rescue groups were brought in.
- The golf course has been very busy, with over 18,500 rounds for the year so far. The golf market has been good in this area, and we are seeing a younger demographic (high school and college players). Toptracer hours were up to 754 in July. We are offering ½ off Friday and Saturdays in August. The kitchen has been busy with traffic at Toptracer.
- The Club is up 407 new members for the year. While we are moving into the slowest month of the year (September), we hope to keep the momentum going.
- The Club had 2,213 unique visits in July, meaning 75% of members used the facility at least once.
- Triphahn Center Fitness Center is up 68 new members since the renovation. New marketing efforts are planned for a fall push and into winter.
- Willow Rec Center Fitness is up by about ten members for the year.
- Overall, we have been busy with rentals.
- The marketing staff are working hard, looking at google analytics and putting guidelines in order. A few press releases have been submitted.
- There was a new commercial for Bridges that aired on Comcast SportsNet.

Commissioner Evans asked if there are any promos out for Toptracer. Director Bechtold said that staff runs a promo for the Beer Garden and hands out Buy One-Get One passes for

Toptracer during the Beer Garden events. He added that these are all advertised on our website and email blasts from Bridges and HEParks.

Commissioner Evans asked how many people at once can be in the Willow Rec Fitness Center for comfort. Director Bechtold said the room is comfortable with about 10 to 12 people. This is a smaller neighborhood facility.

President Chhatwani asked if we could advertise on the screen in the Triphahn Center lobby for programs that are not filled. Executive Director Talsma said we will have the marketing staff look at some ideas for the television screen.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Beranek said she was excited to see the drawings of the splash pad at Vogelei. Everyone loves the one at South Ridge.

Comm Rep Pilafas said that all of the improvements look exciting. Huntington Park is close to home. He was able to visit the pickleball courts at Fabbrini on Friday and said those are very nice.

Comm Rep Henderson said it is exciting to see all of the improvements and the maintaining of the parks. Excellent work.

Commissioner Friedman thanked Director Miletic for mentioning the Colt championship in her board report.

Commissioner Dressler thanked Director Miletic and Executive Director Talsma for partnering with Platzkonzert. She thanked Director Bechtold and Jenny Jones for having the Rotary Club at an event at Toptracer. It is good to bring anyone there so more people learn about it. The Rotary Club would like to do an event at the dog park.

8. **Adjournment:**

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Beranek to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant