

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1094**  
**November 28, 2023**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on November 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Commissioner Dressler

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Director of Finance and IT Hopkins, Director of Recreation Miletic, IT Specialist Hassler

Audience: Mayor McLeod, Trustees Kinnane, Newell and Statton, Mike McCarty, Ron Evans, Marisa Anstey, Community Reps Harner, Winner and Kulkarni (7:14)

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to approve the agenda as presented.

**4. Recognition:**

Mike McCarty, member of the AAPRA and Executive Director of Glenview Park District, presented the National Gold Medal Award to the Board. Mike Kies, former HEParks employee, current Superintendent of Recreation at St. Charles Park District and member of AAPRA also spoke regarding the success of the District. The award is fully funded by Musco Lighting. Musco was not able to send a representative for the presentation.

Mayor McLeod introduced the trustees in attendance and then presented a proclamation, naming November 28, 2023 Hoffman Estates Park Day.

Mayor McLeod and trustees, as well as the AAPRA representatives, left the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

**5. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:**

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to recess the Board Meeting at 7:17 p.m. for the purpose of convening the A&F Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

**6. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:**

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:52 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Comm Reps Harner, Winner and Kulkarni left the meeting.

**7. Comments from the Audience:**

None

**8. Approval of the Minutes:**

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting held October 24, 2023.

The motion carried by voice vote.

**9. Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to approve the consent agenda items A through D.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Friedman, Evans, Kaplan, MacGregor, McGinn

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Dressler

- A. Balanced Scorecard (see A&F November packet)
- B. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$526,814.51 (see A&F November packet)
- C. District-Wide Operations Statement and Revenue and Expenditure Report (see A&F November packet)
- D. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 10/24/2023 (see A&F November packet)

**10. President's Report**

President Chhatwani noted the following:

- Congratulations to HEParks, especially Executive Director Craig Talsma for receiving the National Gold Medal Award. Your dedication and hard work have resulted in this award. Thank you for everything you do.
- She expressed her heartfelt thanks to each of her fellow commissioners, noting their unwavering support has been the bedrock for all of the District's success. Their unique contributions, expertise and collaborative spirit has truly driven us forward. She is proud to have each of you by her side and looks forward to continued growth and success of the park district together.

**11. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:**

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

**12. Old Business:**

None

**13. New Business:**

A. ANNOUNCEMENT: Intent to levy \$11,829,432 for the 2023 Tax Levy to be collected for the 2024 fiscal year.

B. Limited Bond Issue / M23-103 / O23-006

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to approve Ordinance O23-006 for the issuance of General Obligation Limited Bonds.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1  
Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Friedman, Evans, Kaplan, MacGregor, McGinn  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 1 Dressler

**14. Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Evans said we are enabling and executing success. Thank you all.

Commissioner Friedman said that he was able to get a couple of high school kids to volunteer for the District, and one of the young men has expressed interest in working with the park district this summer. Also, one of Commissioner Friedman's teams had an undefeated season this fall.

Commissioner MacGregor congratulated Executive Director Talsma and all staff for the hard work. He added that it was an honor to hear the presentation and proclamation.

Commissioner Kaplan said the recognition is great. Congratulations to everyone. We have a good leader at the top and good staff as well.

Commissioner McGinn said congratulations. It was nice to hear the mayor and representatives from the national organization. To continue to be recognized over multiple years is something to be proud of. Also, he attended a gender reveal at Bridges – his daughter is going to have twin girls! He is looking forward to Santa's breakfast.

15. Executive Session:

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to enter into Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. for the purposes of:

A. Minutes, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

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B. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Friedman, Evans, Kaplan, MacGregor, McGinn

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Dressler

15. **Adjournment:**

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma  
Secretary

Cindy Flynn  
Executive Assistant