



**MINUTES**  
**RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**October 17, 2023**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on October 17, 2023 at 7:32 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Comm Rep Bettencourt

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 Hassler

Audience: President Chhatwani, Commissioners Evans, MacGregor and McGinn

**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 Commissioner Friedman to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Comments from the Audience:**

Executive Director Talsma thanked everyone in the District for their part in winning the Gold Medal, and he thanked the community representatives for participating in our operations. While in Dallas, we also received our 3<sup>rd</sup> CAPRA accreditation (all perfect scores) and have also been accredited five times by IAPD/IPRA. Together with nine GFOA certifications and two gold medals, we are the most accredited and most awarded park district in Illinois.

Commissioner Dressler asked when the district can apply again for the Gold Medal. Executive Director Talsma said that we need to wait five years before we can apply.

**5. Old Business:**

None

6. **New Business:**

A. Recreation Board Report and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Goals / M23-092

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Beranek to forward the October Recreation Board Report and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Goals to be included in the October Executive Director's Report.

Director Miletic highlighted the following items from the board report:

- Fall programs have started; Haunted Hoffman is this Saturday 10/21; Preschool Halloween bash was last Saturday.
- The HOTT Theater group has started, including a youth group, which will perform in the Spring; an adult group; and a third group for an early November Nutcracker performance.

Executive Director Talsma noted that we received some good information from Commissioner MacGregor regarding disc golf. Using an app, he was able to download usage information for Black Bear Park. We have been close to 4,000 rounds each year. He added that we are looking into pulling together participants from surrounding communities for tournaments, etc.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Facilities and Marketing Board Report and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Goals / M23-091

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to forward the Facilities & Marketing October Board Report and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Goals to be included in the October Executive Director's Report.

Director Bechtold noted the following:

- Fall Toptracer leagues are starting with 36 teams over three nights each week.
- The annual Turkey Shoot is scheduled for Saturday, November 4. We had 64 players signed up as of 10/17 and can take up to 144 players.
- Breakfast with Santa and Winterfest are scheduled for December 9.
- The Club staff hosted an open house for members and the member referral program. 175 members attended; vendors were on-site; prizes were given out
- The Club membership numbers are equal to last year at the same time.
- Hockey season has begun. The new GM of Ice Operations, Nick Cinquegrani, started Monday 10/16. We are happy to have him on board.
- The new Icebox concession stand made about \$1,300 the night of the Wolves exhibition game.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Beranek will be at the Haunted Hoffman Halloween Fest on Saturday; she has been touring all of the north Hoffman parks; she attended Platzkonzert. She asked what sorts of things were discussed at conference in terms of DEI. Executive Director Talsma said that in one session he attended, the speaker was trying to create awareness of our privileges and that not everyone begins their life the same way.

Comm Rep Henderson said congratulations to everyone on the Gold Medal Award.

Comm Rep Pilafas congratulated everyone, especially staff.

Commissioner Friedman said he is encouraging his baseball players to volunteer for HEParks.

Commissioner Dressler thanked the Park District for the experience at the NRPA conference. She said it was exciting to hear our name called and to cheer with fellow commissioners and staff. It was also fun to see new ideas at the Expo and to sit in on education sessions.

8. **Adjournment:**

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Beranek to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma  
Secretary

Cindy Flynn  
Executive Assistant