



MINUTES
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
February 20, 2024

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Buildings & Grounds Committee was held on February 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: President Chhatwani, Commissioner MacGregor, Comm Reps Poeschel and Sernett, Student Rep Sebasan

Absent: Chairman Kaplan, Comm Reps Macdonald and Utas

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

Audience: Commissioners Dressler, Evans, McGinn, and Friedman; Comm Reps Beranek, Henderson and Pilafas

2. Approval of Agenda:

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by President Chhatwani to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. **New Business:**

A. Purchase of Pine Park Playground Equipment / M24-013

President Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Poeschel to recommend to the full board to award the purchase of the Pine Park Playground Equipment from Cunningham Recreation (GameTime) for a total of \$97,903.56.

Director Hugen highlighted the following regarding this project:

- At Pine Park, the current playground is part of Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, which is becoming a middle school. In June, they will demolish the playground.
- Phase Two of this project involves replacing the 2-5 playground that staff can do in-house. Also, we will be building the 5-12 playground to replace the playground being demolished by the school.
- Director Hugen noted that playground manufacturers do not create playgrounds geared toward ages 13+, but they are still able to use them. The companies recommend and advertise toward certain age groups. He added that older children like to have places to climb as high as possible, so that is our focus in this 5-12 playground choice.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Tiny Mobile Robot Purchase / M24-014

President Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett to recommend to the full board the approval of the purchase of Tiny Line Marker Pro X Mobile Robot from Tiny Mobile Robots for a total of \$29,250 along with the Technology Annual Fee use agreement that covers the first six years for \$10,740.

Executive Director Talsma said that we had received a question regarding the ROI on this purchase. Director Hugen explained that this unit will replace two of our ride-on paint sprayers. This purchase is timed with our typical routine placement of equipment, but we are going with an electric autonomous sprayer. The task of lining a football field normally takes two staff between four and five hours to complete. This will take 30-45 minutes and one staff. The ROI is a savings of about \$10,000 in labor that we can use elsewhere.

Commissioner Evans asked if anyone has used this in an actual, practical sense. Director Hugen said that this exact unit painted a football field at Sycamore Park last fall in 35 minutes (as a demonstration when deciding between units).

Commissioner Friedman said he has talked to people in other districts who use this, and they say it is incredible.

Comm Rep Pilafas asked if this uses the same geotechnology as the mower. Director Hugen said this one uses a cloud-based system and Google Earth, where you pull up the field on the map and set a center point for the machine to work from.

Comm Rep Henderson wanted to confirm that no jobs would be lost due to this. Director Huguen said no, staff's time can be used elsewhere.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Parks, Planning & Maintenance Board Report / M24-012

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by President Chhatwani to include the Parks, Planning & Maintenance October Board Report in the February Executive Director's Report.

Director Huguen said congratulations to the District on being awarded the \$600,000 OSLAD Grant for Vogelei Park.

Commissioner Friedman asked about the graffiti mentioned in the report. Director Huguen said there is typically graffiti in one or two parks each month, and about twelve different parks that are involved over the course of a year. Staff has a portable power washer and five-gallon buckets of graffiti remover that works well, and the graffiti is typically removed within 24 hours. The wash works quickly, but it is time consuming to travel to the parks with the machine.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Poeschel said congratulations on the grant.

Comm Rep Sernett said congratulations on the grant; she has been walking at Fabbrini and appreciates that it is clean, there are nice people, and she is happy with the way the parks are maintained.

Student Rep Sebasan asked if there is a way to stop the graffiti. Executive Director Talsma said we are looking into cameras, but this is a big cost and may not be covered by our insurance company. He added that we could promote it to neighborhoods as a "watch" program.

Student Rep Sebasan also asked if there is further information about the potential part at Moon Lake. Executive Director Talsma said we are looking into additional grant money for this potential project near Seascape.

Commissioner MacGregor said congratulations on the Vogelei grant, and to Executive Director Talsma for the Honored Professional Award.

8. **Adjournment:**

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by President Chhatwani to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant