

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
February 20, 2024

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on February 20, 2024 at 7:21 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Comm Rep Bettencourt

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Deputy Director Bechtold, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Huguen, Director of Recreation Miletic, Executive Assistant Flynn, IT Specialist Hassler

Audience: President Chhatwani, Commissioners Evans, Kaplan, MacGregor, and McGinn

2. Approval of Agenda:

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Beranek 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. Recreation Board Report / M24-015

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

Director Miletic highlighted the following:

- Seven staff attended the IAPD/IPRA Conference.
- The HOTT Theater's Little Mermaid had their first performance with 50 youth performers.
- The Candyland Family Dance was held in early February
- Basketball is underway
- Preschool staff had an in-service

Executive Director Talsma thanked Commissioner Dressler for introducing us to HOTT Theater. The program had done very well.

Executive Director Talsma noted that there was an issue with a volunteer basketball coach over the weekend. The coach has been removed and suspended from attending remaining games. The coach was upset with the referee and made physical contact with him. We do have some staff and volunteers who will step up to fill in.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Facilities and Marketing Board Report / M24-016

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman to forward the Facilities & Marketing February Board Report to be included in the February Executive Director's Report.

Director Bechtold highlighted the following from the report:

- The golf course will open on Thursday 2/22. Director Hugen and his crew have been busy getting the course ready. All the new carts have arrived as of 2/19. Staff is putting the GPS systems on them, and they will be ready by Thursday morning.
- Fish Fry is up and running for the season, with 87 served the first week.
- Two kiosks with iPad will be available soon at the front desk at Triphahn Center. The iPad will be locked down so users can only access our website; patrons can peruse our programs and then sign up at the front desk if they choose.
- New video will be added to the television screens in the lobby.
- The Toptracer and driving range have been busy, and the golf course already has over 100 rounds booked for Sunday.

Comm Rep Pilafas asked if this is the earliest the golf course has been open. Director Bechtold said yes, since 2016.

Commissioner Dressler noted that the signs at Vogelei has some colors that are difficult to read. Director Bechtold said that staff is already aware and working on correcting that.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep Beranek will be going to Breakfast with Bunny.

Comm Rep Pilafas said congratulations on the OSLAD Grant; and congratulations to Craig Talsma for the Honored Professional Award. He is excited about the HOTT production. The organization holds a big place in his heart. He is also excited about the golf course opening early.

Commissioner Friedman thanked Executive Talsma for the information on the basketball situation and noted he is worried about the baseball numbers.

Executive Director Talsma stated that when we switched gears with the facility manager position, we found an individual who specializes in athletics, and is coming from Arlington Heights Park District. He has managed athletics and facilities; he can mentor Will Lieb; he will start March 11.

Commissioner Dressler commended the Recreation department for having seven staff at the conference. She congratulated Executive Director Talsma for the recognition and to the District for having a lot of publicity recently. She attended a marketing session at conference – she would love to sponsor a logo on a hopscotch.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant