

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
June 17, 2025

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on June 17, 2025, at 7:19 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman Dressler, Commissioner MacGregor, Comm Reps Bettencourt, Henderson, and Kulkarni

Absent:

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

Audience: President Friedman, Commissioners Evans, Kaplan, McGinn, and Chhatwani, Comm Rep Dowling, Lizzie Beranek, Bill Kratochvil

2. Approval of Agenda:

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2025, meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

Executive Director Talsma recognized Comm Reps Henderson and Bettencourt for their 10 years of service as Community Representatives.

Comm Rep Dowling said that The Club has some great new additions this month for yoga.

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Fitness Equipment & Flooring Purchase for Willow Renovation / M25-059

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to recommend to the full board the approval of the purchase of fitness equipment for a total cost of \$75,085 from Direct Fitness Solutions through the Sourcewell Contract #05234PCR, and the purchase of sports flooring and turf for a total of \$10,695.61 from Direct Fitness Solutions through the OMNIA Contract #08-18, for a grand total of \$85,780.61.

Deputy Director Bechtold explained that this is part of the Willow Rec Center renovation, to outfit the racquetball court area that is being converted to a weight room; as well as the current fitness center, and flooring in both areas. The material will match the Triphahn Center and Club fitness centers.

Commissioner Evans asked if we are adding windows. Director Hugen said there will be two windows (4'x8') in the new weight room area, and a new door will be a storefront door with windows on the sides. Commissioner Evans asked if there would be windows between the other courts, and Director Hugen said no, because the other two racquetball courts are remaining as is.

Commissioner McGinn asked what the timeline is for this project. Director Hugen said they will begin August 18.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Recreation Board Report / M25-060

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson, to forward the Recreation Board Report to be included in the June Executive Director's Report.

Director Sweeney highlighted the following information from the Rec division:

- Camps started on June 2; District 15 is now out of school, so we are fully up and running.
- The Spring Dance Recital was well-attended.
- Seascape was audited through Starguard and received four stars (five is max).
- The 4th of July Parade is coming up. Staff will be attending with candy.

Commissioner Evans asked if any season passholders say anything about missing days due to weather. Director Sweeney said no, and that passes are still selling at this point.

Bill Kratochvil asked about flag football and if we were using referees. Director Sweeney said this program is run through Overtime Athletics and they provide the referees.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Facilities and Marketing Board Report / M25-061

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

Deputy Director Bechtold highlighted the following:

- The first live music event of the season at the Bridges Beer Garden brought in more than 150 guests.
- The golf course has been busy as the weather improves.
- The first Yappy Hour event will be June 28.
- The Club is up by 242 members on the year; the referral program is strong with 34 new members from referrals; The United Healthcare members are staying active.
- The figure skating show was two weeks ago – over 750 people attended;
- The Wolverines girls hockey tryouts are coming soon; they will potentially have three teams this year.
- Hockey classes are up in numbers compared to last year.
- The marketing report now has a good synopsis of their activity for the month, instead of so many charts with data.

Executive Director Talsma noted that the Friends of HEParks Days Dolphin Derby would be Saturday, June 21. The recent golf day raised over \$5,200, and the Rotary Club of Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates donated \$4,000 to the Foundation.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Bettencourt said it's been a great ten years.

Comm Rep Henderson said she came in through the main door at TC, and the staff were all very pleasant, which goes back to training.

Commissioner MacGregor thanked Comm Reps Bettencourt and Henderson for their 10 years of service; he is looking forward to the parade next month, and is glad the weather is warming up.

Comm Rep Kulkarni thanked staff for their work and said he is looking forward to fall.

Chairman Dressler thanked HEParks for being a big sponsor of the fishing derby. She added that you don't know how many people are there until you look at the entire lake. She is looking forward to the Dolphin Derby.

8. **Adjournment:**

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant