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MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1115
August 26, 2025

1. **Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on August 26, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Commissioner Evans

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Finance & IT Hopkins, Deputy Director Bechtold, Director of Administrative Services Rivas, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Executive Assistant Flynn,

Audience: Comm Reps Harner, Henderson, Wilson, Winner, and Dowling, Hannelore Connelly

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. **Comments from the Audience:**

Resident Hannelore Connelly asked if the Triangle Preserve near Eaton and Shoe Factory Road could be mowed more than once during the year to keep the invasive species plants from going to seed and spreading. Executive Director Talsma noted that this is a Preserve and is maintained according to our Land Management Plan. He added that they are welcome to take over any additional maintenance but asked them not to mow. President Friedman thanked Ms. Connelly for her comments and let her know they would take them into consideration.

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

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to recess the Board Meeting at 7:06 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 Chhatwani to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:44 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Comm Reps Harner, Henderson, Musial, Wilson, and Winner left the meeting.

7. **Consent Agenda:**

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

On a Roll Call:		Carried 6-0-1
Ayes:	7	Chhatwani, Dressler, Friedman, Kaplan, MacGregor, McGinn
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	Evans

A. Golf Course Superintendent Position / M25-079 (see B&G August packet)
B. School District 15 STAR and Camp/Maintenance Agreements / M25-080 (see Rec & Facilities August packet)
C. Lamar Billboard Agreement / M25-076 (see A&F August packet)
D. Balanced Scorecard 2Q2025 / M25-073 (see A&F August packet)
E. Open and Paid Invoice Register: $1,726,777.30 (see A&F August packet)
F. District-Wide Operations Statement and Revenue and Expenditure Report (see A&F August packet)
G. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 6/24/2025 (see B&G August packet)
H. Acceptance of Rec & Facilities Minutes 6/24/2025 (see Rec & Facilities August packet)
I. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 7/22/2025 (see A&F August Packet)
J. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes 7/22/2025

8. **President's Report**

President Friedman attended a meeting with Recreation Directors from Rolling Meadows, Palatine and Hoffman Estates, and enjoyed seeing how people collaborate. This industry is phenomenal in sharing ideas with each other.

President Friedman asked about the note in the A&F board report regarding looking at health insurance options. Director Rivas said we are looking at a 9.8 percent increate with PDRMA and have been talking with IPBC recently as an option. Executive Director Talsma added that this is a much larger group, and they are willing to accept us, but it likely would not save us any money, and may cause some staff to need to change doctors. He said that if we were to switch, it would be through a resolution in September.

Commissioner Kaplan asked if the rate would still be divided the same between employee and employer. Executive Director Talsma responded that yes, the employee would still be responsible for 25% of the premium.

9. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan, to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented.

The motion carried by voice vote.

10. Old Business:

None

11. New Business:

A. NWSRA Member Assessment 2026 / M25-093 / R25-003

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to approve the NWSRA Member District Annual Assessment Resolution No. R25-003 ratifying the assessment for calendar year 2026 in the amount of $350,505.90 as recommended by the Board of Trustees for NWSRA.

On a Roll Call:	Carried 6-0-1	
Ayes:	7	Chhatwani, Dressler, Friedman, Kaplan, MacGregor, McGinn
Nays:	0	
Absent:	0	Evans

12. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Dressler thanked the Park District for their upcoming Platzkonzert participation. She is happy that the focus for the booth will be on kids and the community. Also, she is looking forward to another national conference.

Commissioner McGinn said he is looking forward to attending the Mayor's 45th year celebration, and wished good luck to those attending conference.

Commissioner MacGregor is looking forward to conference and will bring something back to share with everyone.

Commissioner MacGregor thanked Executive Director Talsma, Deputy Director Bechtold and Director Sweeney for their help coordinating the Bank of America picnic at Victoria Park. It was also attended by village trustees and Mayor McLeod, along with a fire truck. During the last 30 minutes, everyone is asked to clean up the park, and this counts as their volunteer work. She also attended a block party with the Mayor.

13. Adjournment:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani, to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant