

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
August 19, 2025

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on August 19, 2025, at 8:17 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman Dressler, Commissioner MacGregor, President Friedman, Comm Rep Aguilar

Absent: Comm Reps Bettencourt, P. Henderson, and Kulkarni

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

Audience: Commissioners Evans, Kaplan, McGinn, and Chhatwani, Comm Rep Dowling

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by President Friedman, to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025, meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. **New Business:**

A. Chicago Junior Hockey License Agreement / M25-080

Executive Director Talsma discussed the potential agreement, highlighting the following:

- The Chicago Wolves agreement expired May 31, 2025. We have been working with them and their Carolina NHL partner to arrange an agreement to lease them ice time for practice and possibly use of the locker room.
- We had an agreement with Carolina which was approved but had been withdrawn once the AHL league became involved.
- Current agreement we are looking at is from the Chicago Junior Hockey Club, and includes \$50,000 for one year, including 40 hours of weekend ice time plus use of the downstairs locker room.
- It would be good to keep a positive working relationship with the Wolves.
- Most of the ice hours would likely be packed in the first part of the contract (between now and December).
- The locker room will be kept as storage, as the Wolves still have a lot of items here.
- If they ask for more hours, we could offer ice at a discounted rate.

B. School District 54 STAR and Camp/Maintenance Agreements / M25-080

President Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Aguilar to recommend to the full board the approval of the intergovernmental agreement with School District 15 for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 for the STAR Before & After Care program; and to recommend to the full board the approval of the intergovernmental agreement with School District 15 for September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026 for facility usage in exchange for mowing and lawn maintenance services provided by HEParks staff.

Executive Director Talsma noted that the school district wants to keep these two agreements separate. We pay the district to have our STAR program at the school. He added that the other agreement is to use the schools in summer for camps and in winter for basketball practice. This is in exchange for maintaining the property at Whitely and TJ schools. This is a renewal, and the parameters have not changed.

President Friedman asked if we have a choice as to which courts we can use. Director Sweeney said that we can ask, but if the larger, newer gym is being used, we are assigned the older gym.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Recreation Board Report / M25-074

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Aguilar, to forward the Recreation Board Report to be included in the August Executive Director's Report.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Facilities and Marketing Board Report / M25-075

President Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor, to forward the Facilities & Marketing August Board Report to be included in the August Executive Director's Report.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Aguilar said it was nice to review a lot of good information; it is nice to see some new programs that did well.

Commissioner MacGregor said the park tours were great, thanks for the education of the ponds and basins.

President Friedman said thank you for the tours.

Chairman Dressler said wonderful park tour as always, and congratulations to our Twirling Twisters at the world championships.

8. **Adjournment:**

President Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant

The following questions were asked and answered via email prior to the meeting:

1. I see that SD #15 renewed the intergovernmental agreement for Star Camp/Maintenance (M25-080) for the '25 to '26 season. For the mowing maintenance we are responsible for, do HEPD personnel do the work or do our outside contractors perform these mowing services?
[HEParks staff does the mowing and maintenance for the District 15 schools in this agreement.](#)
2. When do we anticipate the SD #54 Star Camp/Maintenance intergovernmental agreement for the '25 to '26 seasons to be renewed? I am aware that there were also a few issues that went through multiple levels of communication here as well. Hopefully all has been resolved and a new contract/agreement pending for next year shortly.
[The only incident was the paint on the asphalt at Whitely for School District 15. That was quickly blown out of proportion. I spoke with the principal, and everything was taken care of last Saturday. That is why I was confused about the District 54 comment?](#)

We haven't had a problem with 54, we currently have a 25/26 star agreement with 54 in place. We are currently working on the renewal of our 5-year facility agreement (non-star) with District 54 as well.