

MINUTES
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
January 20, 2026

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Buildings & Grounds Committee was held on January 20, 2026, at 7:02 p.m. at Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman Chhatwani, Commissioner Evans, Comm Reps Dowling, Pilafas, Poeschel and Sernett

Absent: Comm Rep Kratochvil

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

Audience: President Friedman, Commissioners Dressler, Kaplan, McGinn, and MacGregor, Comm Reps Aguilar, P. Henderson, Kulkarni

2. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Pilafas to approve the agenda as amended. 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 November 18, 2025 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

Director Hugen introduced Andrew Evans, the new Superintendent of Golf Course Maintenance at Bridges of Poplar Creek. Andrew comes to HEParks from Lockport Park District where he worked at Prairie Bluff for the last seven years. Previously, Andrew worked with Dustin at Casper, and worked at Medinah and two other stops before Lockport. We are happy to have him back with our District.

5. Old Business:

None

6. **New Business:**

A. 2026 Asphalt Repairs, Sealcoating and Striping / M26-001

Comm Rep Pilafas made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Poeschel to recommend to the full board to award the asphalt repairs, crack filling and sealcoating bid to Schroeder Asphalt Services, Inc. for a total of \$208,307.45 plus a 5% contingency for a total of \$218,722.83.

Director Huguen said this is the annual service that is in different locations each year, and this year includes a large path overlay at Fabbri and Hunters Ridge parks. All locations receive crack fill and sealcoating every three years. This work will begin in May at the earliest, and we will put signage out a week in advance. All work will be weather dependent.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. 2026 Court Repairs and Color Coating at Multiple Locations / M26-003

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Pilafas to recommend to the full board to award the bid for 2026 Court Repairs and Color Coating to Sport Surface Pros for a total of \$83,000 plus a \$3,000 contingency for a total of \$86,000.

Director Huguen stated that this is the same contractor we have used for the last five years; we only received one bid. This work rotates locations each year, with each location being done every three years.

Commissioner Evans asked if any courts were being converted to other uses. Director Huguen said no, all are staying as they are.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Mowing Services 2026-2028 / M26-002

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett, to award the mowing services bid to Gilio Landscapes for \$120,260 in 2026 and, if extended, \$122,665.20 in 2027 and \$125,118.51 in 2028.

Director Huguen said this service extends what we began in 2023, as the same contractor won this bid with numbers lower than last year. We had great success with this company the first three years.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Mower Purchase / M26-004

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Pilafas, to approve the purchase of a Ventrac Tractor with tough cut and boom mower attachments from Burris Equipment for a total of \$59,782.41.

Director Hugen said this purchase is replacing a regular production mower that was due for replacement per GIS. We looked at mowers that do more than one thing, and this mower has attachments that allow us to do that. With the attachments we are purchasing, we can mow shorelines and many areas at the golf course, as well as tree pruning and hard to reach areas.

Comm Rep Pilafas asked what this mower does that the mowing service won't do. Director Hugen said that the mowing service doesn't touch natural areas.

Director Hugen added that this mower has 60 different attachments available, and we will purchase those as attachments for other units are up for replacement. The mower comes with a one-year warranty, but the unit we are replacing we have had for twelve years and is used every day.

The motion carried by voice vote.

E. Parks, Planning & Maintenance Board Report and 4th Quarter Goals / M26-005

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dowling, to include the Parks, Planning & Maintenance January Board Report and 4th Quarter Goals in the January Executive Director's Report.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Dowling said that the New York Mayor put out a survey to residents about what is important to them, and parks and libraries came out on top.

Comm Rep Poeschel said she is happy with all the changes and expenditures.

Comm Rep Sernett said it is good to see the work the staff is doing and the new hires as well.

Comm Rep Pilafas said he is happy to see the exciting investments in mowing.

Commissioner Chhatwani said she noticed that the majority of the goals were completed, which is fantastic for 2025; she is hoping for a good 2026.

8. **Adjournment:**

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Pilafas to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant