

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
January 20, 2026

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on January 20, 2026, at 7:26 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman Dressler, Commissioner MacGregor, Comm Reps Aguilar, P. Henderson, and Kulkarni

Absent: Comm Rep Bettencourt

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: President Friedman, 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:

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2025, meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. **New Business:**

A. Banquet Chair Purchase for Bridges / M26-008

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to recommend to the full board the approval to purchase banquet chairs from ComforTek Seating for a total of \$47,665.

Deputy Director Bechtold explained that this was a straightforward purchase; we received pricing from a few vendors. The lowest price was from ComforTek Seating, which we saw at an event in Bartlett where the chairs held up well for more than 14 years. We will order the same quantity that we have now, in a neutral fabric that matches the décor.

Executive Director Talsma added that the chairs are made in Virginia but are delivered by a Canadian company. If any pricing changes due to tariffs, staff will inform the board.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Recreation Board Report / M26-008

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

Director Sweeney noted that basketball is in full swing; most programs had new sessions begin in January so we will report on numbers next month.

Executive Director Talsma added that with Facility Manager Thoma leaving for another district, Christine Tusa will be helping to align all facilities with The Club, including front desk and fitness center operations.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Facilities and Marketing Board Report / M26-009

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

Deputy Director Bechtold noted that the fitness centers, ice, and golf all finished the year well. Toptracer has been open on and off so far this winter.

Executive Director Talsma added that monthly membership rates at The Club were increased by \$10. We lost 100 members, but this was offset by the additional revenue from the 3000+ members. Deputy Director Bechtold noted that two new competing facilities are opening soon: one new facility in Barrington and a YMCA at Barrington & Schaumburg roads. Two additional boutique facilities have opened in South Barrington.

Comm Rep Henderson asked how we compare to other park districts' fitness facilities. Deputy Director Bechtold responded that most other districts do not have a facility as large at The Club.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep Kulkarni said good job on the new chairs and asked what we are doing with the old chairs. Executive Director Talsma said we are looking at some community organizations that may need them as a donation.

Commissioner MacGregor said he is looking forward to warmer weather. He added that on our website, our parks do not show up on the map. Executive Director Talsma said stay tuned, as we are in the midst of a transition to a new website.

Comm Rep Henderson said she hopes everyone had a wonderful holiday and new year. Thank you to all the staff for your hard work; it is nice to be part of our park district.

Comm Rep Aguilar said she is very proud of the district, looking at the accomplishments of last year. It is nice to see what we continue to do for kids and seniors.

Commissioner Dressler said thank you for 2025. We went through a lot of changes and growth. Kudos to Executive Director Talsma and staff for staying relative and keeping the community engaged.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant