

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
February 17, 2026

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on February 17, 2026, at 7:15 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman Dressler, Commissioner MacGregor, Comm Rep P. Henderson, President Friedman

Absent: Comm Reps Aguilar, Bettencourt, and Kulkarni

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

Audience: Commissioners Evans, Kaplan, McGinn, and Chhatwani

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

President Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026, meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. SD54 IGA Renewal 2026-2031 / M26-014

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to recommend to the full board the approval of the intergovernmental agreement with School District 54 for April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2031 for the STAR program and for the use of athletic facilities during the school year and summer day camp programming.

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 said that the biggest change is around playground replacements. The original agreement years ago had a clause that they would donate \$5,000 for a park. Last time we renewed it, we did not have a park scheduled for replacement. This time we do have one or two parks up for replacement in the next five years, so we added the 20% cost contribution by the school district.

Commissioner McGinn asked if this is the last agreement with Superintendent Duross. Executive Director said yes, Duross is retiring but this agreement was negotiated with Steve Miller.

President Friedman is impressed by this agreement, as it is not easy to negotiate. We have had it in place for a long time, but it is impressive that we have it.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Recreation Board Report / M26-015

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

Director Sweeney noted that the spring flip book went live; preschool priority registration has begun for the 2026-2027 school year; summer camp registration went live; and Seascape passes have opened for sale.

President Friedman asked how we are doing with lifeguards. Director Sweeney said we have begun the process; we have reached out to everyone from last year, and the first training is in two weeks. The marketing team just put together a campaign for hiring for the summer. We are paying \$18 per hour.

Commissioner McGinn said the Willow Rec Center gymnastics studio has worked out well, as gymnastics numbers are up.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Facilities Board Report / M26-016

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

Deputy Director Bechtold noted we had a rate increase at The Club and were anticipating losing some members. We did lose a net of 37, but the extra revenue from the increased rate will be more than that, and our monthly fee is still much lower than the area competitors.

Executive Director Talsma added we are looking to launch a new website in the next month or so. We also think we have found a great individual to fill the Director of Marketing & Web Management position. We are excited about the website and our marketing and advertising opportunities.

Commissioner Evans noted that a YMCA is opening where the old Lowes was, and there is a new Planet Fitness across the street from there.

President Friedman asked if the board would get a preview of the website. Executive Director Talsma said yes, we would send out a link.

Commissioner Dressler said the sign at Vogelei has many panels out. Executive Director Talsma said we are getting all new signs. The Vogelei east face is the worst. We talked to Vernon & Maz and this will be treated as a recall. We are waiting for the weather to warm up so we can get out there.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Commissioner MacGregor said the weekend weather was nice to walk the parks, and they look fantastic. Good job staff.

President Friedman said that Willow Rec Center looks good. He walked through the doors and didn't realize the change until he walked through them again.

Commissioner Dressler said that IAPD did another bang up job at conference. They keep bringing in more for commissioners. It is nice to get an education and connect with other commissioners. She added that she is a member of the senior networking group; Connor Schwarz came the first week he was hired but he should come regularly. The meeting moves around, but she will send him the information.

Executive Director Talsma said we do have Commissioner Evans' notes and we have asked staff to send a couple of ideas that we could implement this year or include as a goal in future years.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant