

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1123
April 28, 2026

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on April 28, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacGregor

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Deputy Director Bechtold, Director of Administrative Services Rivas, Director of Finance Vogt, Executive Assistant Flynn

Audience: Comm Reps L. Henderson, Harner, Wilson, and Winner; Director of Waters, General Manager Cinquegrani, Superintendents Barton, Miletic and Wirth, Managers Meschewski, Johnson, Bavaro, Karbowski, and Schwarz, Coordinator Tsonis

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dressler, to approve the agenda as presented.

4. Recognition:

A. Longevity Proclamation – Brittany Meschewski

President Friedman recognized Brittany Meschewski for her 15 years of service.

B. Employees of the Quarter – Tina Tsonis and Jacquelyn Johnson

President Friedman recognized Tina Tsonis and Jacquelyn Johnson for being named the full-time and part-time employees of the quarter, respectively.

C. Best of Hoffman – Gul Ahuja

President Friedman recognized Gul Ahuja for being named the Best of Hoffman (Volunteer of the Quarter) for the 1st Quarter 2026.

5. Comments from the Audience:

Executive Director Talsma introduced new employees:

- Justin Waters - Director of Marketing & Web Management
- Jessica Karbowski, Program Manager – Dance and Early Childhood
- Mark Bavaro – Aquatics Manager

Justin Waters, Nick Cinquegrani, Kimberly Barton, Karrie Miletic, Nick Wirth, Brittany Meschewski, Jacquelyn Johnson, Mark Bavaro, Jessica Karbowski, Connor Schwarz, and Tina Tsonis left the meeting.

6. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to recess the Board Meeting at 7:14 p.m. for the purpose of convening the A&F Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

8. Consent Agenda:

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

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes: 6 Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan, McGinn

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 MacGregor

- A. Wildlife Control / M26-032 (see B&G April packet)
- B. Cannon Crossings OSLAD Conceptual Design / M26-033 (see B&G April packet)
- C. Furnish & Install Multiple HVAC Units / M26-034 (see B&G April packet)
- D. WRC Basketball Hoop Replacements / M26-026 (see Rec & Facilities April packet)
- E. Toptracer Lease Agreement / M26-027 (see Rec & Facilities April packet)
- F. American Tower Lease Extension / M26-039 (see A&F April packet)
- G. Resolution Authorizing the Establishment and Management of Bank and Investment Accounts and Designation of Authorized Signers / M26-029 / R26-004 (see A&F April packet)

- H. Adoption of Restated Governmental 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan / M26/013 / R26-002 (see A&F April packet)
- I. SoloRider ADA Golf Cart Purchase / M26-037 (see A&F April packet)
- J. Balanced Scorecard / M26-038
- K. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$1,957,200.03 (see A&F April packet)
- L. Revenue and Expenditure Report and Financial Analysis (See A&F April packet)
- M. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 2/17/2026 (see B&G April packet)
- N. Acceptance of Rec & Facilities 2/17/2026 (see Rec & Facilities April packet)
- O. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 3/24/2026 (see A&F April packet)
- P. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes 3/24/2026

9. President's Report

President Friedman highlighted the following:

- He was able to play a round of golf today at Bridges
- Staff handled the beaver issue well. He thanked the couple personally who came to the meeting. Executive Director Talsma said we emailed everyone who had contacted us, and 100% of the people who attended the meeting were in support of the motion.
- He asked if everyone had completed the SEI filing – yes they have.
- He reminded everyone of upcoming events: Kite Day on May 2 (moved to South Ridge); Garage Sale on May 9, and Vogelei/Kids to Parks Day on May 16.
- He registered for the IAPD Governance & Leadership Forum
- He signed up for the three IAPD Golf Outings
- He was appointed to the IAPD Honors & Resolutions Committee
- He will attend the NRPA Conference in Philadelphia
- This is the first spring since 1989 that he hasn't had a HEParks team to coach. Still coaching another team and his granddaughter's flag football team.

10. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

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

The motion carried by voice vote.

11. Old Business:

None

12. New Business:

None

13. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Dressler thanked the marketing department for helping with the cancer survivor party in June. They will bring the selfie station.

Commissioner McGinn said Executive Director Talsma handled the beaver responses proactively. He added that he participated in the Earth Day cleanup last Saturday. He thanked Director Hugen for having the foresight to put up a screen on the first disc golf hole, and thanked Commissioner MacGregor for helping with the design. He will attend Kite Day, the Garage Sale, and Seed Bombing. He is excited to hear about the potential of turf at Cannon Crossings.

Executive Director Talsma said Director Hugen is planning a public meeting for May 13 at the Triphahn Center. After that he will put together more concrete plans with approximate numbers.

Commissioner Kaplan is looking forward to the Legislative Conference next week in Springfield. Kudos to Executive Director Talsma and staff – you are doing a great job. Thank you to Commissioner Chhatwani for doing the fraud events.

Commissioner Chhatwani said she has volunteered for Junior Achievement at various locations; she attended a job fair at Hanover Park on behalf of Bank of America (200 attendees); she has presented three educational sessions on fraud and scam for seniors, including at HEParks; she attended the Bon Appetit event; she attended a DA Committee for IAPD in Glen Ellyn. Altogether, she has completed 20 events through April of this year. She received an award from Bank of America for completed 500 hours of volunteering in 2025. She wanted to recognize everyone on the B&G Committee for having an engaging conversation last week.

Commissioner Evans had his granddaughter in from Seattle. They loved Vogelei Park, which was packed on a weekday. He also took her to the pool at The Club, which was fun. It's nice to have those facilities available. He asked how the Community Representative recruiting is going. Executive Director Talsma said that as of now we have enough for four reps on each committee. We have one new candidate and can switch one from A&F to Rec & Facilities.

Commissioner Dressler would be happy to share the Facebook posts about the Community Rep application, but it won't let her share. Deputy Director Bechtold said he will check with Marketing.

14. Adjournment:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant