

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
April 21, 2026

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on April 21, 2026, at 7:41 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

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

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

Audience: Commissioners Evans and Kaplan

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kulkarni, to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2026, meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. WRC Basketball Hoop Replacements / M26-026

Comm Rep Kulkarni made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to recommend to the full board the approval to purchase replacement basketball hoops for Willow Rec Center from H21 Group for a purchase total of \$62,946.

Executive Director Talsma said the basketball hoops were up for replacement and were not raising and lowering property. The purchase is through a state coop and is a contracted price.

President Friedman asked how many will be replaced. Deputy Director Bechtold said all six will be replaced and will be able to be activated at the same time.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Toptracer Lease Agreement / M26-027

President Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to recommend to the full board the approval of the Toptracer interactive driving range lease for an annual total of \$23,046 with a 3% increase applied on each anniversary, and a lease agreement term of five years.

Executive Director Talsma said this is the renewal of our Toptracer lease, which will provide the same service with a new five-year lease.

Resident Maggie Dowling asked if this is a monthly price. Deputy Director Bechtold said the annual lease is \$23,046 paid over 12 months.

President Friedman asked if there is any chance we could get our own course on the system. Deputy Director Bechtold said it has been requested but it can be expensive for them to map each individual course.

Commissioner Kaplan asked if there is data tracking available. Deputy Director Bechtold said we have more of the entertainment version with some tracking capabilities. It is strictly a golf game simulator.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Recreation Board Report and 1Q2026 Goals / M26-035

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by President Friedman, to forward the Recreation Board Report and 1st Quarter 2026 Goals to be included in the April Executive Director's Report.

Director Sweeney highlighted the following staffing updates:

- Mark Bavaro has been hired as the new Aquatics Manager. He was previously a lifeguard and part-time manager at Seascope.
- Jessica Karbowski, our Dance Coordinator, has been promoted to full time, adding in the role of Early Childhood Program Manager.
- We are finishing up interviews for the last Recreation program manager position and hope to be finished this week.

President Friedman asked how we are doing with lifeguards. Director Sweeney said we are in a good place. We are interviewing and testing. If they don't pass the test, we can make them cashiers and keep hiring for lifeguards.

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

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Facilities Board Report and 1Q2026 Goals / M26-030

President Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor, to forward the Facilities & Marketing April Board Report and 1st Quarter 2026 Goals to be included in the April Executive Director's Report.

Deputy Director Bechtold noted that we are currently looking into taking the Timberwolves travel program back in-house. They are down to only three teams, and this is the minimum you can have to be in the league. We are looking at ways to build it back up.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Kulkarni said great work – this will be his last meeting as a Rep. He is taking some accounting courses and would like to come back again in about two years. He just started a masters program last semester. Thank you for the opportunity.

Commissioner MacGregor is looking forward to going to Vogelei on May 16, and he is happy the weather is getting consistently nice.

President Friedman said great job to Director Hugen for the concept at Cannon Crossings. He can provide support as a coach and a commissioner.

Executive Director Talsma said he received a compliment from Steve at Garibaldi's, who said we have done a great job bringing in tournaments. Kudos to Nick Wirth and Jennifer Sweeney. Nick also has regular rentals at Fabbrini and Huntington Parks.

Commissioner Dressler said good punting having the indoor Easter Egg Hunt. Director Sweeney said we decided on Friday due to the weather and split up the middle time slot into two timeframes by last name. Karrie Miletic and Connor Schwarz did a good job organizing that. Commissioner Dressler is looking forward to Kite Day and the Vogelei opening.

8. **Adjournment:**

President Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant