

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
May 19, 2026

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on May 19, 2026, at 7:25 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Comm Reps Bettencourt and Kulkarni

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

Audience: President Friedman, Commissioners Chhatwani, Evans, Kaplan, and McGinn; Comm Rep Kratochvil, Maggie Dowling, Marla Truitt

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:

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Aguilar, to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026, meeting as amended, to correct the attendance status from attended to not-attended for Comm Rep Aguilar. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Wolf Pack & Timberwolves Merger / M26-043

Executive Director Talsma said there is no motion for this agenda item, as it is informational only. He highlighted the following:

- Chicago was not chosen as a PWHL expansion site, so that opportunity is off the table as a rental, but we continue to look at other opportunities.
- We are moving ahead with a merger of Wolf Pack and Timberwolves.
- We are still working with the league and some rulings from them.
- This will be a full rebranding to the Ice Hawks, as we separate from the Chicago Wolves. We will use new colors and logos, but playing off community connections (Hoffman HS Hawks, Harper Hawks, and this used to be the Blackhawk Center).

Commissioner Dressler asked if this would include the girls' teams. Executive Director Talsma said yes.

Commissioner McGinn asked if we expect the same number of players. Executive Director Talsma said we hope to grow it. The Timberwolves were at the minimum with three teams. Nick Cinquegrani (General Manager of Ice) is taking a grass roots approach to rebuild the program.

Commissioner Kaplan asked if we are going to try to have parent coaches. Executive Director Talsma said for the in-house program, we will use parent volunteers; for travel teams, we will have paid coaches.

B. Recreation Board Report / M26-041

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

Director Sweeney highlighted the following staffing updates:

- This month's report is focused on summer kick-off. The camp numbers are good. Many children who were in early childhood camps last year have moved up, so that number is lower but the main elementary school age came numbers are up.
- The numbers for 2026-2027 STAR registration are up as well compared to this time last year.

Comm Rep Henderson asked if we are selling pool passes for Seascapes. Director Sweeney said yes, the pre-sales look good. The pool will open May 30, and splash pads will open Memorial Day weekend. The ability to have life guards available dictates when we can open.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Facilities Board Report / M26-040

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

Commissioner McGinn said the Bridges numbers look great now. Deputy Director Bechtold said we had seven or eight really good days; looking forward to a good season if the weather cooperates.

Commissioner Kaplan asked if we are doing anything different with the greens this year, as they look really good. Executive Director Talsma said we hired a new Superintendent of Greens, and it is probably showing as a good investment. Director Huguen added that yes, he has been a very good addition to the staff.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep Aguilar said she read about the website change, and she has seen some very nice facebook postings lately. Executive Director Talsma said shout out to Justin Waters, our new Director of Marketing and Web Management. He is very proactive and adds a fun twist. He also thanked everyone who worked on the website.

Commissioner MacGregor said he enjoyed going to Vogelei. He missed the ceremony but said the park was packed. It looks fantastic. It is good to see accessible equipment, especially after seeing things like that at the national conference.

Commissioner Dressler said the colors at Vogelei are so vibrant. She loved that we had the ribbon cutting on Kids to Parks Day. She didn't make it to Kite Day but heard it was a good turnout.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Aguilar to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant