

MINUTES
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
July 30, 2026

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Buildings & Grounds Committee was held on July 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman Chhatwani, Commissioner Evans, Comm Reps Kratochvil, Poeschel, and Sernett

Absent: Comm Rep Pilafas

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

Audience: President Friedman, Commissioner Kaplan, McGinn, and MacGregor; Comm Reps Truitt, Winner, and Henderson

2. Approval of Agenda:

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kratochvil to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep Poeschel stated that she was listed as a Commissioner instead of a Community Rep. This will be corrected.

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Evans to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026 meeting as amended. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. **New Business:**

A. Cannon Crossings Renovation Final Plan & Budget (OSLAD) / M26-061 / R26-007

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Evans to recommend to the full board the Cannon Crossings Renovation Final Plans as presented, and Resolution R26-007 authorizing the OSLAD Grant Application, with a budget of \$3,400,000 with matching funds from the OSLAD Grant of \$600,00 for a total of \$4,000,000.

Executive Director Talsma noted that we have had a lot of discussion about this project, including public input. Our main goal is to be awarded the OSLAD grant. If we do not receive the grant, we will reevaluate the project, but we do have the reserves to fund the project. If we do receive it, we will follow through with the project as presented.

Commissioner Evans asked what the pool is for the grants this year. Executive Director Talsma said it is around \$37 million.

Director Huguenot noted that we received over 150 surveys with overwhelming support for the project; our social media post had over 2,000 views.

Director Huguenot highlighted the following aspects of the plans:

- The ball field infields will be changed to synthetic turf
- Improvements to the dugouts and fencing
- The large field will also be changed to synthetic turf, and will be lined for 11v11 soccer, but pinned for other sports or two smaller soccer fields, and the temporary paint can be applied and washed off.
- The existing lights will be upgraded to LED lighting, which will use less energy, provide better lighting, and less overflow light. We will not add lights to any area that does not already have them.
- Changes to the walking trail, creating a loop of 0.65 mile, but longer if we add in the connected sidewalks.
- Phase 2 will include resurfacing the existing tennis courts and basketball courts.
- Addition of four pickleball courts, with heavy landscaping between the pickleball courts and the playground.
- A new playground to replace the existing playground, including areas for 2-5-year-olds, 5-12-year-olds, and fully accessible features as well. Most desired playground features from the public input were climbing and swinging features, and a zip line. This design includes all of these, with some spinning balance features as well.
- The fall surface will be synthetic turf, except the 2-5 area which will have poured-in-place rubber.
- Two detention areas which can store water, but are not in a flood plain. These will have bioswales with natural growth and wildflowers. Current invasive plants in the existing natural area will be cleared out.

Commissioner McGinn asked if there are lights on the tennis courts. Director Huguenot said no, there are not lights on the tennis courts, nor will there be lights on the pickleball courts.

Executive Director Talsma added that we will not be lighting to other two baseball fields, which saves \$500,000 in costs. This would not have been a good ROI.

Commissioner Evans asked if there is demand for a turf soccer field. Director Hugen said, yes, very high demand.

Commissioner MacGregor asked if the basketball court is staying. Director Hugen said yes.

Gary Alperin, resident of Deer Crossing, spoke of his concern about the pickleball noise and participants parking on the neighborhood street(s). He noted that the nearby residents would prefer to have only two pickleball courts to alleviate some of this. He also suggested pickleglass instead of windscreens.

Executive Director Talsma responded, stating that Cannon Crossings is a community park, as opposed to a neighborhood park, and we are trying to serve the larger community. We currently do not have pickleball courts on the west side of town.

Director Hugen added that he went to Elk Grove to observe their courts with pickle glass, and his opinion is that it sounds exactly the same, so we are recommending windscreens and landscaping to buffer any noise.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Parks, Planning & Maintenance Board Report and 2Q2026 Goals / M26-060

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Evans, to include the Parks, Planning & Maintenance May Board Report and 2nd Quarter 2026 Goals in the July Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director Talsma said we are waiting for Seascape hours to change to weekend only to look for the area of the leak. Beginning August 10, the pool will be closed during the week and open only on Saturdays/Sundays/holidays through Labor Day.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep Sernett said it she is happy to see the plans for Cannon Crossings.

Comm Rep Poeschel said the Cannon Crossings plan looks good to her, and she is crossing her fingers for the grant. She is also impressed with the new website.

Comm Rep Kratochvil said fingers crossed for the grant.

Commissioner Evans said great work on the design to accommodate the entire park district. We already have a beautiful park there, which is an asset to the community, and not only the people across the street. He is looking forward to many more years of use.

Commissioner Chhatwani thanked staff for their work. She loves the marketing emails from the Park District, and noticed that other districts are taking after our posts. She thanked Deputy Director Bechtold for helping set up the Bank of America picnic.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Kratochvil made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Poeschel, to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant