

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1126
July 28, 2026

1. Roll Call:

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

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

Absent: Commissioner McGinn

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

Audience: Comm Reps Harner, Henderson, and Musial; Jessica Karbowski, Olivia Offord, Jenny Bechtold, Christine Tusa, Gary Alperin, Rachel, and John Rogers

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Recognition:

President Friedman presented Deputy Director Bechtold with a proclamation for his 20 years of service with the District

Executive Director Talsma presented the Employee of the 2nd Quarter awards to Christine Tusa (FT) and Olivia Offord (PT)

5. Comments from the Audience:

None.

6. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to recess the Board Meeting at 7:13 p.m. for the purpose of convening the Administration & Finance Committee Meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

Christine Tusa, Olivia Offord, Jessica Karbowski, and Jenny Bechtold left the meeting.

7. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dressler to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:31 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Comm Reps Harner, Henderson, and Musial left the meeting.

8. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to approve the Consent Agenda items A through L.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes:	6	Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan, MacGregor
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	McGinn

9. President's Report:

President Friedman noted the following in his report:

- He thanked staff for their assistance with the 4th of July Parade.
- He went to the IAPD Golf Outing on July 20, and the course looked great.
- He thanked Commissioner Dressler for organizing the breakfast food and other goodies at different park district facilities for Parks and Recreation Professionals Day.
- He noted that Executive Director Talsma received a nice letter from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Fishing Derby, and it mentioned Matt Schiller, Karrie Miletic, and Dustin Hugen as well.
- Volunteer Appreciation Night is August 11.

Executive Director Talsma added that the Sports Combine will be on Saturday, August 1 if we get enough registrations. This event may morph into something slightly different in the sprint.

10. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan, to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

11. Old Business:

None.

12. New Business:

A. OSLAD Resolution of Authorization / R26-007

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to approve Resolution R26-007 accepting the Cannon Crossings Renovation Final Plans as presented, and authorizing the OSLAD Grant Application, with a budget of \$3,400,000 with matching funds from the OSLAD Grant of \$600,000 for a total budget of \$4,000,000, and acknowledging the district has sufficient funds necessary to complete the pending OSLAD project within the specified timeframe.

Gary Alperin noted he was impressed with the positive atmosphere among the board and staff. He is a homeowner across the street from Cannon Crossings. He noted that he and his neighbors are supportive of most of the project, and would ask that two pickleball courts be built instead of four, due to noise and parking concerns.

Rachel Rogers, a neighbor who lives down the street from the park, is worried about traffic and speeding in the area already on the weekends, and feels this redevelopment could make it worse.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes:	6	Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan, MacGregor,
Nays:	0	
Absent:	1	McGinn

13. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Dressler appreciated the opportunity to emcee the parade, but missed being with the group.

Commissioner Kaplan thanked Deputy Director Bechtold and staff for trying to organize the Combine event; it can be reworked. He also thanked staff for always collecting his IDs in the locker room.

Commissioner MacGregor said his grandchildren spent the night on Saturday, and on Sunday morning they asked to go to Vogelei Park. His grandson tied him on two disc golf holes.

Commissioner Chhatwani thanked Executive Director Talsma for welcoming the Bank of America group for their picnic. She congratulated Deputy Director Bechtold for 20 years of service. He was the go-to person for the golf outing and the picnic. She called him on a Sunday and he took the call.

Commissioner Evans said he missed the parade due to health reasons, but thanked his podiatrist. His grandkids were in town, and he took them to Seascape and the indoor pool at The Club.

14. Adjournment:

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant