

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
July 21, 2026

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on July 21, 2026, at 7:46 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner MacGregor, Comm Reps Henderson, Truitt, and Winner

Absent: Chairman Dressler, Comm Rep Aguilar

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

Audience: President Friedman, Commissioners Chhatwani, Evans, Kaplan, and McGinn

2. Approval of Agenda:

Comm Rep Winner made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Truitt, to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2026, meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Recreation Board Report and 2Q2026 Goals / M26-064

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Truitt, to forward the Recreation Board Report and 2nd Quarter 2026 Goals to be included in the July Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director Talsma introduced Marla Truitt as the newest Community Representative for the Recreation & Facilities Committee.

Director Sweeney highlighted the following staffing updates:

- We have two new full-time staff: Dulce Estrada was our summer intern. She recently graduated from the University of Illinois and was our summer intern. We hired her full-time to oversee Summer Camps and the STAR program at the District 54 schools. Dulce started on July 6.
- Kaitlin Schmidt is the new C&M Coordinator. She comes to us from the real estate industry, and her first day was July 13.

Executive Director Talsma explained the new Illinois Department of Early Childhood (IDEC), the group that now oversees childcare instead of DCFS. We ended our full-day childcare program two years ago. The new legislation has a carve-out for park districts so that camps and programs do not need to be covered by DCFS. However, to keep accepting CCAP (Illinois Childcare Assistance), we would need to be governed by IDEC and would need licensed teachers, be subject to inspections, etc. We did this for our full-day childcare program, but it would be nearly impossible to do for our camps and before/after school care.

Commissioner Kaplan emphasized that IAPD worked very hard to get all the park districts supported in this legislation.

Director Sweeney explained that DCFS still exists but will work on cases of children in crises; IDEC will cover the childcare side of things.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Facilities Board Report and 2Q2026 Goals / M26-059

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Winner, to forward the Facilities & Marketing July Board Report and 2nd Quarter 2026 Goals to be included in the July Executive Director's Report.

Commissioner MacGregor asked about The Club memberships being down. Deputy Director Bechtold explained that this is seasonal and the economy also plays a part. He added that we had a rate increase, so although memberships are down, revenue is up. The new YMCA is competitively priced as well.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Winner said he is happy to be on this committee.

Commissioner MacGregor said he took the grandkids to Seascap on Sunday, and had a fantastic time. He also played the new baskets at Black Bear; they look and operate well.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Truitt to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant