hoffman estates park district making life fun

1685 West Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169
heparks.org t (847) 885-7500 f (847) 885-7523

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1128
September 22, 2026

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on September 22, 2026, at 7:02 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Commissioner MacGregor

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

Audience: Comm Reps Harner, Henderson, Musial, and Wilson; Maggie Dowling

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Comments from the Audience:

None.

5. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan, to recess the Board Meeting at 7:03 p.m. for the purpose of convening the Administration & Finance Committee Meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner Chhatwani made a motion, seconded by President Friedman, to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

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

7. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to approve the Consent Agenda items A through D.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

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

A. Open and Paid Invoice Register: $1,585,625.69
B. District Wide Operations Statement and Revenue and Expenditure Report
C. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 8/25/2026
D. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes 8/25/2026

8. President's Report:

President Friedman congratulated the district on receiving two IAPD Best of the Best Awards for Oluremi and Ascension Saint Alexius. He noted that he served on a separate awards committee and had no involvement in the selection of those recipients.

He reported attending the final IAPD golf outing of the season at Foxford Hills and noted that several commissioners attended the Ascension Chamber of Commerce luncheon the previous week. He also expressed his anticipation for the upcoming NRPA Conference.

9. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

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

10. Old Business:

None.

11. New Business:

A. 2026 Limited Bond Issue Ordinance / M26-076 / O26-006

Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dressler, to approve Ordinance O26-006, the 2026 Limited Bond Issue Ordinance.

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

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

12. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Dressler thanked everyone for their support of Platzkonzert. She noted that games and activities were split between the front and back areas and said the Park District would be featured more prominently at future events. She complimented Comm Rep Musial for recruiting numerous volunteers. Commissioner Dressler also noted that the correct hours for the Garage Sale are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., discussed the upcoming Seed Collection event on October 10, thanked the district for hosting the Chamber golf outing, and said she was looking forward to the NRPA Conference and the Best of the Best Awards Gala.

President Friedman commented that he attended Platzkonzert and was impressed by the number of young volunteers assisting with the event. He also noted that he is looking forward to the upcoming awards gala.

Commissioner Kaplan stated that he had been traveling the previous week and remarked that he has not seen parks better than those in Hoffman Estates. He congratulated Executive Director Talsma and staff for their work.

Commissioner Chhatwani said she is looking forward to attending the Best of the Best Awards Gala.

Commissioner Evans shared that he has only visited Philadelphia once before and is looking forward to exploring the city during the NRPA Conference. He also mentioned a recent family trip to Seattle and offered travel suggestions for those attending the conference.

Maggie Dowling asked about the large sign at The Club for the Best Park in the Country. Deputy Director Bechtold explained that this was for the National Gold Medal Award.

13. Adjournment:

President Friedman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chhatwani to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant