

**MINUTES**  
**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 15, 2025**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Buildings & Grounds Committee was held on April 15, 2025, at 7:02 p.m. at Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman Evans, Commissioner Friedman, Comm Reps Poeschel and Sernett

Absent: Comm Reps Dowling and Meyer

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Parks, Planning and Maintenance Hugen, Deputy Director Bechtold, Director of Recreation Sweeney, Executive Assistant Flynn, IT Specialist Hassler

Audience: President Chhatwani, Commissioners Dressler, Kaplan, McGinn, and MacGregor; Connor Schwarz; Comm Reps Bettencourt and Henderson

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**3. Approval of the Minutes:**

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2025 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Comments from the Audience:**

Executive Director Talsma introduced new Director of Recreation Jennifer Sweeney.

**5. Old Business:**

None

6. **New Business:**

A. Purchase of Vogelei Park Playground Equipment / M25-038

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett, to recommend to the full board the purchase of Vogelei Park Playground Equipment from Play Illinois (Burke) for a total of \$312,859.20.

Director Hugen noted the following:

- The design was planned through public input, district input and NWSRA input.
- All standalone features are 100% accessible.
- You can park a wheel chair at the bottom or top of slide and move on the conveyer belt.
- The splash pad and playground will be in same location as the existing areas. The playground will be much larger, however, than the current one.

Commissioner Evans asked how many people were at the public meeting. Director Hugen said there were about 12 residents in attendance.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Purchase of Vogelei Park Splash Pad Equipment /M25-039

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Poeschel to recommend to the full board the purchase of Vogelei Park Splash Pad Equipment from Imagine Nation, LLC for a total of \$76,849.50.

Commissioner Evans asked if anything can be reused. Director Hugen said that everything will be torn out; the base of the splash pad is currently brick paver, and will be replaced with the same base as the South Ridge splash pad so nothing can grow through it.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Purchase of Vogelei Park Shelter / M25-040

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett to recommend to the full board to approve the purchase of the Vogelei Park Shelter from Team Reil for a total not to exceed \$41,000.

Commissioner Dressler asked if there is an existing shelter that is staying. Director Hugen explained that the gazebo near the pond will stay. This is a new shelter that will serve the playground and splash pad area. The shelter will be 24' x 24' and will have three regular tables and one ADA accessible table. This shelter will not be rentable during splash pad season.

Director Hugen stated that the price is “not to exceed \$41,000” because they can only guarantee the price of steel for seven days.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Parks, Planning & Maintenance Board Report / M25-037

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett, to include the Parks, Planning & Maintenance March Board Report in the April Executive Director’s Report.

Commissioner McGinn asked why we are selling the International truck. Director Hugen said that the engine blew three weeks ago and it would cost \$50,000 to replace the engine. Instead, we will apply the value of the truck to next year’s budget and purchase a replacement. This is also our largest snow plow truck. Director Hugen also explained that 38,000 miles on a truck like this includes 3,000 or more idle hours, which converts to over 200,000 miles for the engine.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Beranek asked about the playground that was previously at The Club. Director Hugen said that it was removed about a year ago since we no longer have a Kids Club there. The mulch was recently removed and we will create a synthetic turf area for outdoor workouts.

Comm Rep Sernett there is not a place to sit at Poplar Park. Director Hugen said there is a bench near the playground entrance. He will look again, and believes it is 20 feet away from the main playground, closer to the toddler area.

Comm Rep Poeschel said that the design and equipment for Vogelei Park is very impressive. The playground at Seascap is amazing and everyone wants to know when it will open. Executive Director Talsma said it will open in May.

Commissioner Evans said he can’t wait to see the dirt moving at Vogelei.

8. **Adjournment:**

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma  
Secretary

Cindy Flynn  
Executive Assistant