

MINUTES
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
May 20, 2025

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Buildings & Grounds Committee was held on May 20, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: Comm Rep 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; Comm Reps Beranek (7:08) and Kulkarni (7:10)

2. Approval of Agenda:

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Poeschel 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 April 15, 2025 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Longevity Recognition of Community Representatives

Commissioner Evans recognized Lauren Sernett for 8 years of service, (Comm Reps are recognized every other year for their years of service).

B. Installation of Playground and Splash Pad Equipment at Vogelei Park /M25-054

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dowling to recommend to the full board to approve Hacienda Landscaping, Inc. for the installation of the Vogelei park playground and splash pad equipment, for a total of \$266,600 with a 7.5% contingency of \$19,995 for a total of \$286,595.

Director Huguen said we had three bidders, and Hacienda was the lowest bidder. One bidder was extremely high. This project will include all of the concrete work, installation and plumbing of the splash pad, and installation of all playground equipment.

Commissioner Evans asked about the budget mentioned in the memo, and where the numbers come from in the overall project budget. Director Huguen explained that this part of the project also includes the line items for playground concrete and the splash pad concrete.

Commissioner Dressler asked why the contingency percentages are different for the two aspects of the project. Director Huguen said that more could go wrong or change in the installation of these items, so the contingency factor is higher. It is all based on the scope of work.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Purchase and Installation of Fall Surface at Vogelei Park / M25-053

Commissioner Friedman made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Poeschel to recommend to the full board to approve the purchase of the fall surface and installation from Perfect Turf for a total of \$171,520 with a 5% contingency of \$8,576, for a total of \$180,096.

Director Huguen said that they reached out to a handful of turf and pour-in-place installers. The only vendor that responded with a competitive price was Sidlawn, but Forever Turf had the best price. These were all priced through the purchasing coop. He added that the fall surface will all be turf except for one steep hillside which will be poured in place.

Commissioner Kaplan asked if the poured-in-place surface holds up well. Director Huguen said that it will have concrete underneath with a shock pad.

Commissioner Friedman asked what the expected completion date is for Vogelei Park. Director Huguen said the OSLAD grant agreement stipulates that we must complete the project by March 28, 2026.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Parks, Planning & Maintenance Board Report / M25-051

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dowling, to include the Parks, Planning & Maintenance May Board Report in the May Executive Director's Report.

Director Huguen noted that Moon Lake Park was busy all weekend. He said that the same residents that received a postcard for the informational meeting in the planning stages received a postcard for the grand opening. Also, we had a sign out there. Thus, the large turnout for the ribbon cutting.

Executive Director Talsma said we received a lot of positive feedback from the residents. Kudos to Director Huguen and his team, and thanks again to Representative Crespo.

Commissioner Kaplan asked if we could put in a nice crosswalk across Moon Lake Road. There was a discussion about different options, and we can request this, but it is ultimately up to the village. Commissioner Evans said as a member of the Hoffman Forward committee, he would ask them to review the safety of the crossing and see if anything could be done.

Director Huguen added that Hunters Ridge playground renovation is also complete and will open on Saturday, May 24.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep Poeschel said that she wasn't able to attend the ribbon cutting but came back on Sunday and saw that it was packed.

Comm Rep Dowling thanked staff for getting the flag back up at Bo's Run. Director Huguen said this is temporary (until the unit can be permanently fixed).

Commissioner Friedman said Moon Lake Park is great. Kudos to Director Huguen and crew

Commissioner Evans said great job to Director Huguen and team, and also great job to staff for keeping the kids off the playground until after the ribbon cutting. He said that the Kids to Parks Day event went well also.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Poeschel to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant