

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
May 20, 2025

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on May 20, 2025, at 7:19 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman MacGregor, Commissioner Dressler, Comm Reps Beranek and Kulkarni

Absent: Comm Reps Bettencourt, Henderson, and Ostermeyer

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

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

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kulkarni, 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 MacGregor recognized the following Community Representatives for their years of service: Mandar Kulkarni (6 years); Pearl Henderson (10 years); and Chad Bettencourt (10 years).

Executive Director Talsma recognized Commissioner Dressler for her contributions in getting the Chino Gardens years ago. She received the plaque that used to be at the park before the fire station was built there.

B. Willow Gymnastics Tumbl Trak Equipment Purchase / M25-049

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kulkarni to recommend to the full board the approval to purchase gymnastics equipment from Tumbl Trak for a total of \$27,174.33.

Deputy Director Bechtold said this is the equipment needed to outfit the mini gym once renovated at Willow Rec Center in the fall. Some smaller items will be moved over from Vogeley. This purchase will add equipment and a colorful design.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Willow Gymnastics Tumbl Trak Flooring Purchase / M25-050

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kulkarni to recommend to the full board the approval to purchase gymnastics flooring and mats from Tumbl Trak for a total of \$29,331.25.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Recreation Board Report / M25-055

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kulkarni, to forward the Recreation Board Report to be included in the May Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director Talsma noted that we are monitoring the weather and may postpone the opening of Seascapes until late next week due to the low temperatures. Splash pads are already open as an option.

Executive Director Talsma discussed the north side desk and entrance at the Triphahn Center. For safety and efficiency, we are looking at having the doors unlocked from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. except during basketball in the winter (5 to 9pm) or if we have a large rental. Otherwise, it is safer to keep those doors locked after 5:00 p.m. When unlocked, we will have the desk staffed.

Additionally, Executive Director Talsma stated that the district will establish service desk hours of 8am to 7pm on weekdays, and 8 to 5 on weekends. Someone will be in the building, but not necessarily be taking registrations or other transactions outside of these hours.

Director Sweeney highlighted the following information from the Rec division:

- Preschool graduation took place last week.
- The dance recital is coming up at the end of May.
- Kids to Parks Day went well despite the windy weather.
- We are monitoring the weather for Seascapes.

- Summer staff training has been taking place last week and this week.
- We are still taking camp registration and selling Seascape passes.

President Chhatwani asked about the early and late camp hours and pick-up/drop-off. Executive Director Talsma said we will train parents to pick up and drop off at the main entrance.

Comm Rep Dowling asked when swimming lessons begin. Director Sweeney said they begin the week of June 2.

Executive Director Talsma said that the lap lane reservation system at The Club is being monitored, and there is a system in place for no shows.

The motion carried by voice vote.

E. Facilities and Marketing Board Report / M25-047

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kulkarni, to forward the Facilities & Marketing May Board Report to be included in the May Executive Director's Report.

Deputy Director Bechtold highlighted the following:

- A couple of events have been held in the Beer Garden so far.
- The golf course has been busy when the weather cooperates. We are down from 2024 due to the weather (last year's weather was exceptionally nice early in the year).
- The Club keeps increasing in membership. Word of mouth is the best advertising. We are back up to pre-Covid and pre-renovation numbers.
- Ice hockey numbers were good for spring, with a shift to more skills classes and an increase in the younger ages.
- Marketing has been working hard for the entire district. Their hard work is paying off with good results.

Commissioner Friedman asked about Renew memberships through United Healthcare. Deputy Director Bechtold said we are paid per visit for these members, so we want them to come.

Executive Director Talsma added that the younger ages in hockey are good for growth, and we have many tournaments booked to bring in revenue. We are also booking baseball tournaments.

Commissioner McGinn asked if the Wolves are still leaving at the end of May. Executive Director Talsma said there is a small chance they will return here to practice, but we will still be taking back the administrative space, and we will recapture one billboard sign from our original agreement which will bring in advertising revenue.

Commissioner Evans asked if the billboards were static. Executive Director Talsma said yes, they are not digital, and the skin beneath is advertising The Club or Bridges.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Commissioner Dressler thanked Superintendent Flynn for the calendar invites. She saw the new village signs up by Route 59 and is excited to see how we will utilize that. She mentioned that the Schaumburg seniors' group is taking trips. Executive Director Talsma said this is more of a service and is not revenue-generating. We do offer trips closer to home. Finally, she stated that the Foundation is going to receive a \$4,000 donation from the Rotary Club.

Comm Rep Beranek said she attended Kite Day, which was very fun, and she enjoyed the ribbon cutting at Moon Lake.

Comm Rep Kulkarni thanked everyone for having him as a Community Representative for six years.

Commissioner MacGregor enjoyed the new park opening. Staff did a great job putting the event together; it was pure joy watching the kids swarm the playground.

8. **Adjournment:**

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kulkarni to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant