



*The mission of the Hoffman Estates Park District is to offer healthy and enjoyable experiences to our residents and guests by providing first class parks, facilities, programs and services in an environmentally and fiscally responsible manner.*

**MINUTES  
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 13, 2015**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation Committee was held on October 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner R. Evans, Comm Rep Dressler (7:01 pm), Henderson, Koltz, Neel, Wittkamp, Chairman Kinnane

Absent: None

Also Present: Executive Director Bostrom, Deputy Director/A&F Director Talsma, Rec/Facilities Director Kies, Golf Director Bechtold

Audience: President Bickham, Commissioners McGinn, Kaplan, Kilbridge, TC Facility Supervisor Fong, C&M Superintendent Manisco, Rec Superintendent Chesak, Program Manager Liefefeld, Facility Manager Albig, Keith Evans, Maddy Harford and family, Niko Soriano and Brett Bertok of Scout Troup 297, Mr. Hahnz Teope Scout Leader

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

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

**3. Minutes:**

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Wittkamp to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Comments From the Audience:**

None

**5. Old Business:**

None

**6. New Business:**

A. Eagle Scout project proposal/M15-133:

Director Kies reviewed the item noting that the archery classes presently offered by the park district were very successful. He also noted that the range they were proposing would be for beginners and not a permanent site. He introduced Niko Soriano and Brett Bertok from Troop 297.

Scouts Soriano and Bertok addressed the Recreation Committee introducing their mentor, Scout Leader Hahnz Teope. They reviewed their Eagle Project noting that the goal was to create a portable, basic, beginner archery range and that they had looked into all the safety requirements of such a range. They showed the location of range; off the SFAC parking lot next to the sled hill. They pointed out the fence already present between the lot and the proposed range. They also explained that they would be providing the targets, archery stands, ground quivers and bow racks that would allow for 5 lanes that could be run by 2 instructors. Scouts Soriano and Bertok also explained that they would fund and build a shed with a lock to store the archery range equipment and that the shed would match the exterior of SFAC. They noted that they were requesting that the park district provide a cement slab for the shed to sit upon and maintenance of the grassy area used for the range. They also explained that the goal was to have the range operational for the 2016 summer camp program and would raise \$3,000 to accomplish their goals.

Director Kies explained that both Scouts were actually employed in the district's STAR program. He also noted that the present archery program was contractual and the company brought the bows and arrows with them. He explained that initially, those items would not be stored in the shed but that as the program grew, it would be something staff would review. Mr. Teope explained that they would be providing Genesis Compound Bows that would only shoot 40 yards.

Comm Rep Wittkamp asked if the range was fenced off and Director Kies noted that it already was.

Commissioner Evans asked how this range worked with the present sessions and Superintendent Chesak explained that one of the 2016 Rec Goals was to promote outdoor adventure activities and the archery range would provide that. He also asked about the maintenance of area and Executive Director Bostrom explained that the parks department would mow the area during the season.

Comm Rep Dressler asked how wide the lanes were and Mr. Teope noted that they were usually 6' wide; however, the rules did not permit anyone from approaching the targets during any shooting in any lane.

Comm Rep Neel noted that her son had just started Scouts and had been part of an archery program with them that he really enjoyed. She commented on what a great job the Scouts did promoting the safety of the program.

Chairman Kinnane asked about personal safety equipment and Mr. Teope noted that with the proper instruction on handling the bow, there was no personal safety equipment necessary.

Commissioner McGinn asked about the tips and it was noted that they were pre-cut arrows like the ones used in national competitions and were not broad or barbed.

Comm Rep Wittkamp asked about the hours for the programming and Director Kies noted that staff would be looking into that for the new year.

President Bickham asked if the shed would be permanent and it was noted that it would be. Director Kies noted that it was near a parking lot light and signage for video cameras, but staff would monitor the area for safety.

Commissioner Kaplan asked if the Scouts would build the shed and it was noted that they would. He expressed concern for the arrows being stored in the shed and Director Kies explained that initially they would not be stored there. He discussed the possibility of storing them in the SFAC office area for added safety.

Mr. K. Evans asked if Director Giacalone had approved the shed and it was noted that he had. Executive Director Bostrom noted that it was similar to the Port-o-Let Structures in the parks. Mr. Evans asked about using an equipment box inside of the shed for additional safety. Staff will review that option. Mr. Evans also asked how high the pounds could go on the bows and Mr. Teope explained that 20 lbs. would be the max.

Director Kies also noted that once approved, the district would be in contact with PDRMA.

Comm Rep Dressler made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Wittkamp to recommend the board approve the concept to construct a portable archery range at the SFAC sled hill subject to fulfilling the standards as identified by PDRMA and district staff. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Skate Park/M15-132:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item explaining that staff had spoken with Schaumburg Park District and Sheffield Townhomes with regard to financially assisting with the project as the Committee had requested. He explained that Schaumburg was not interested in participating with another skate park as they had one at Knollwood only 1 mile away and a larger park at Olympic Park. He also explained that the Sheffield Board President had suggested that they would be interested in committing \$25,000 or \$30,000 to the project but he had not actually brought the issue to the board for confirmation. He also explained that even with their financial support, that would leave the district with approximately \$105,000 in costs and staff still did not believe it would be a good investment or ROI for the community and did not recommend moving forward.

Comm Rep Koltz made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to recommend the board not move forward with the construction of a skate park in the southeast quadrant of Hoffman Estates. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Conference Education Summaries/M15-134:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting that they had discussed 4 other topics at the B&G Meeting.

Director Kies reviewed *Working, Living & Leading w/Accountability* noting that it talked about responsibility and accountability at work and was a very good seminar. He also explained that the speaker would be presenting at the district on customer service.

Director Kies also reviewed the *Lessons in Adventure Course Development*. He explained that the district was presently investigating a Ninja Warrior program and he had been looking for apparatus options. He explained that they did not have equipment options to offer the district but it had been a good seminar on outdoor adventure.

Superintendent Chesak reviewed *Developing and Sustaining Innovation*. She noted that it talked about saying no to the status quo and that the attitude helped to both retain and grow programs.

Superintendent Manisco reviewed *Bringing Capitol Hill: Park Champions* noting that it was about building relationships with our legislative representatives. She explained that Representative Mussman had recently visited the Triphahn Center.

Superintendent Manisco reviewed *Feedback Matters* explaining that the Albany Park & Recreation Department reviewed an App for resident and customers to review district programs. She explained the App offered a survey that was easy to respond to, from Expressit and free to the park district. She felt that it would offer valuable information on how the district was meeting customer needs.

Comm Rep Neel asked if the district saw a conflict with inviting legislators and Executive Director Bostrom explained that the district did not make political statements or take sides.

No recommendation required.

D. Recreation, Facilities & Golf Report and 3Q Goas/M15-130:

Director Kies reviewed the report. He also addressed the committee with regard to staff's response on September 24<sup>th</sup> to an individual who experienced a heart attack on the ice. The committee awarded Maddy Harford MOD for her quick and calm response to the situation. Executive Director Bostrom noted that past Commissioner Greenberg had actually heard about the incident through the praise for the district's staff on their training from the EMT present on the scene that night.

Superintendent Chesak introduced the new STAR program manager, Martha Leliefeld and welcomed her to the district.

Comm Rep Koltz asked about the status of past Scout projects and it was noted that the Dog Park equipment was doing well. It was also noted that the Garden Beds had been built but with the director of the teen center on a leave, the project was on hold until next year.

Comm Rep Koltz asked if the district was addressing a policy on transgender. Executive Director Bostrom noted that staff was looking into it and that they would be contacting our attorneys.

Director Bechtold reviewed his report noting that the 10<sup>th</sup> hole was playable but not fully rooted as was to be expected.

Comm Rep Henderson asked about rounds for 2013 and Director Bechtold explained that there were more participants per outing. Commissioner R. Evans asked about the rounds played and Director Bechtold explained that they counted all rounds.

Comm Rep Neel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to send the Rec, Fac & Golf Report M15-130 and 3Q Goals to the Board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**7. Committee Member Comments:**

Commissioner Evans noted that he had chaperoned the 4 year old's trip to the Apple Orchard and it was a great event. He also noted that it was a good show to watch the Boys Sectionals in golf; watching them play and the galleries that followed them.

Comm Rep Henderson thanked the Scouts for their presentation.

Comm Rep Neel seconded that.

Comm Rep Dressler noted that the Chamber had their strategic planning meeting at TC and it was very good and very good food. She said she was looking forward to the October 22 Taste and interested to see what BPC would be serving.

**8. Adjournment:**

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dressler to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom  
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski  
Recording Secretary