



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
BUILDING AND GROUNDS MEETING
October 6, 2015**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Building and Grounds Meeting was held on October 6, 2105 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner Mohan, Comm Rep Bettencourt, Dekirmenjjan, Triphahn, chairman Kilbridge

Absent: Comm Rep Friedman, Snyder

Also Present: Executive Director Bostrom, Deputy Director/A&F Director Talsma, Rec/Facilities Director Kies, P&D Director Buczkowski, Parks and Risk Director Giacalone

Audience: Commissioner R. Evans, Kinnane, McGinn, Kaplan, President Bickham, Mr. K. Evans

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Minutes:

Chairman Kilbridge noted that under Item 6A BPC 10th hole/green, 6th paragraph should read, “. . . **to remove the entire green at twice the amount . . .** “

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Triphahn to approve the minutes as amended of the September 1, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments From the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. 2015 NRPA Conference Session summaries/M15-127:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item in general. Director Buczkowski reviewed the eCPAT noting that it was an audit tool that would be very relevant for the district offering an APP that could be used by the public to evaluate the parks and offer feedback. He noted that it also asked about the ease in getting to each park that would provide information and that it would be free. He explained that the gathered information could be used to compare agencies and evaluate how the public rated each park/agency.

Director Buczkowski also reviewed the GIS seminar noting that this gave value to open water and that the input would also allow the district's to compare themselves. He noted that it could be applied to natural plantings and would allow the district to quantify what they were doing.

Chairman Kilbridge asked who pioneered the eCPAT and Director Buczkowski said he would check. He noted that it would be available to all and probably a part of the Proragis package.

Director Giacalone reviewed the seminar on Monarch Butterflies noting that their populations were declining due to loss of habitat and use of herbicides. He explained that the district planted about 2 pounds of milkweed each year to benefit the Monarchs and that they would begin a program to offer free seed to the public for planting. Chairman Kilbridge suggested giving it away at the 4th of July Parade. Commissioner R. Evans questioned how well it would go over to ask residents to plant weeds in their yards.

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the Infrastructure seminar noting that the district has been working on an asset management plan that would be presented in November. He explained that the national parks system was more underfunded than the roads and bridges. He also talked about the need to phase out amenities that were no longer valuable to the district or had outlived their life cycle.

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President Bickham asked why there was not funding to cover these costs and Executive Director Bostrom noted that it was all about the building of new and not so much about the plan to maintain assets.

Commissioner McGinn asked if the district had a way to gauge park usage and Executive Director Bostrom noted that the eCPAT or GIS might offer an opportunity to monitor.

Director Buczkowski explained that the recent discussions on the Skate Park was a good example of a situation where it was questionable as to whether or not there was enough interest in a skate park to warrant the expenditure.

Chairman Kilbridge asked about the QR Codes referred to in the P&D Report and what was meant by less than expected results. Director Buczkowski explained that they did not get the number of hits they thought they would.

Mr. K. Evans asked how many went to the conference and it was noted that no Commissioners and 7 staff attended.

No vote as information only.

B. Legionnaire's Disease M15-128:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting that the district had a plan to monitor their cooling tower and were in compliance with the local health department codes. Commissioner McGinn asked how often Enerstar checked and filled the towers and it was noted that they did it monthly.

No vote as information only.

C. Parks Board Report/3Q Goals/M15-126:

Comm Rep Triphahn asked about the number of Ash trees and Director Giacalone explained that they were all down and just the stumps remained to be removed.

Mr. K. Evans asked if the wood was harvested and Director Giacalone explained that the district did not harvest the wood but did offer it to the community.

Commissioner Kaplan asked if there was anything else that the parks department could do now to prepare FAC for next summer and Director Giacalone noted that staff had accomplished all that they could.

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Commissioner McGinn asked about the Objective on the district storage heat detector installations and that the Village fire marshal did not want the system altered as recommended by PDRMA. Director Giacalone noted that PDRMA's recommendation was just that and the district had elected not to make any system changes.

President Bickham noted that he had been to the Wildflower Event and it was a great education.

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to send the Parks Report to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

D. P&D Report 3Q Goals/M15-125:

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Triphahn to send the P&D Report to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Commissioner Mohan asked about a program for the geese and Executive Director Bostrom explained that it would be evaluated as part of the budget process.

Comm Rep Triphahn asked about spraying for the geese and Director Giacalone noted that it was a grape flavor but took a substantial amount of time to spray and washed away with each rain.

8. Adjournment:

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski
Recording Secretary