



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
February 10, 2015**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation Committee Meeting was held on February 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner R. Evans, Comm Rep Dressler, Kaplan (7:03 p.m.), Koltz, Neel, Wittkamp, Chairman McGinn

Absent: none

Also Present: Executive Director Bostrom, Rec/Facilities Director Kies, Golf Director Bechtold

Audience: President Bickham, Commissioners Greenberg, Kilbridge, K. Evans

2. Agenda:

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

3. Minutes:

Comm Rep Neel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Koltz to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. KinderSTAR – D54 Full Day Kindergarten/M15-017:

Director Kies reviewed the item noting that the park district had extra care available for children after Kindergarten at WRC and TC. He explained that D54 was moving to a full day care and that the park district was looking to accommodate the before and after Kindergarten care in the STAR program. He explained that while D15 has not announced that they are going to full day Kindergarten, the park district wanted to look at the options in the event they make that decision.

Chairman McGinn asked if it was voluntary and it was noted that it would be mandatory.

Executive Director Bostrom explained that while M15-017 talked about a current estimated profit, it should be noted that there were 2 full time staff overseeing the programs and building overhead that was not part of the equation and that any monies not expended for the part time staffing and supplies would be to help offset those additional expenses.

Commissioner K. Evans asked if the park district would be laying off staff because of the time change and Director Kies explained that the district would work with staff to redirect their hours where possible and Executive Director Bostrom supported that statement, however, he explained that the district would not overstaff any program just to provide employment.

Commissioner K. Evans asked if they would be in the same classrooms and if the Kindergarten group had special needs and Director Kies explained that staff was well educated in the area and aware of any additional needs that age group would require.

President Bickham asked about the hours for the part time staff now and Executive Director Bostrom explained that the district employed part time staff at below 1000 due to IMRF requirements or below 1500 due to ACA requirements.

No vote required.

B. Special Event Enhancements/M15-018:

Director Kies reviewed the memo. Comm Rep Neel noted that Highpoint/Fabbrini had a small parking lot for PIP and Executive Director Bostrom explained that the car show would be in the grassy area and that the district could use the neighboring McArthur School parking lot which is bigger than the Fabbrini parking lot.

Comm Rep Dressler asked if there were trucks at PIP before and if they did not want to use a different park for the first event. It was noted that the May

event was in conjunction with the renaming of Highpoint Park to Joseph L. Fabbrini and Executive Director Bostrom noted that Director Giacalone had applied for a volunteer grant to plant Oak trees at Fabbrini Park that could be tied to the Plant Your Parks Day event.

Comm Rep Wittkamp asked about the pumpkin event and having pumpkin carving with knives. Director Kies explained that participants could carve their pumpkins at home and enter them into the contest or decorate (without knives) at the festival.

Comm Rep Dressler asked if the district advertised at the schools and Director Kies said the district advertised through the virtual back pack.

Commissioner R. Evans said he liked the plan and asked if the district was partnering with other organizations. Executive Director Bostrom explained that the board had approved a part time position to secure sponsorships to support Special Events including the Foundation.

President Bickham asked if the move to October would conflict with other events and Director Kies noted that they made the switch to October to address conflicts with other groups.

Comm Rep Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to approve the change in the Special Events as outlined in M15-018. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Recreation, Facilities & Golf Report/M15-012:

Executive Director Bostrom noted that the district had been proactive with parents and staff regarding the measles outbreak.

Director Kies reviewed the report congratulating Director Bechtold and his staff on the outstanding job they did for the IPRA Leadership Academy at the BPC earlier.

Comm Rep Kaplan asked for explanation on the Environmental Stewardship and Social Equity task force groups and Director Kies explained that staff was looking at programs that were environmentally sound and socially equitable for all to participate. He also explained that the Secret Shopper task force allowed for staff to secretly participate in programs and/or memberships to evaluate the customer experience at those programs and facilities.

Executive Director Bostrom explained that he has charged all his directors to come up with new environmentally sound ideas in conjunction with the Green Team. He noted that Director Giacalone was on the IPRA Environmental Committee. It was also noted that with the change in demographics, staff need to look at servicing different populations in the community and offer greater diversity in their programming. Rugby was noted and it was explained that kids today were looking for more active

sports than in the past. Comm Rep Dressler asked at what age the Rugby program began and staff will check.

Director Kies also talked about offering boxed hockey at Pine Park.

Commissioner Greenberg asked what PDRMA thought about Rugby and Executive Director Bostrom noted that it did not have a higher liability than other contact sports or activities. Comm Rep Kaplan noted that there was a Rugby team at Keller Junior High and staff will check on their activities.

Commissioner K. Evans explained that he was getting good feedback from residents on the parks that were plowed this winter. Executive Director Bostrom explained that South Ridge, Fabbri and Black Bear parks; all with extensive pathways, were being plowed on the north, south and west sides of Hoffman for resident use.

Commissioner K. Evans thanked the district for being so prepared to address the measles issue in the area. He also noted that the marquee signs seemed to be bringing in the business.

Commissioner K. Evans explained that Schaumburg had a Garden Club and they were looking at Monarch Butterfly stations in their parks. Executive Director Bostrom noted that Director Giacalone was already working on a program to put Milkweed into the parks to attract the Monarch Butterflies.

President Bickham agreed that he felt the marquee signs were bringing in business.

Commissioner R. Evans asked about the cancellation of indoor soccer and it was noted that was due to Grand Sports Arena cancellation.

Director Bechtold reviewed the report explaining that the free shoes were a big hit. He also explained that Arlington Lakes was closing ½ of this year and ½ of next year for renovation and their leagues were contacting BPC for space. He announced that the Fish Fry would begin February 20 from 4-9 pm.

Commissioner Greenberg asked about a shelter at the driving range and it was noted that staff was still looking into the option as it was a nice service to provide but there as an issue on the return of investment.

Commissioner R. Evans noted he would be interested to see how the new marquee advertising affected the attendance at the fish fry.

Chairman McGinn asked about the video gaming and Director Bechtold noted that staff would be keeping an eye on it but that it seems to be a nice additional service to offer.

Comm Rep Dressler asked about the amount of money and Executive Director Bostrom noted that it was provided at the A&F Committee and

could be provided at the Recreation Committee also. Director Bechtold explained that he had received inquiries from Rockford and Wheeling about the video gaming. It was noted that the issue was scheduled to be revisited prior to June when the video gaming was initially approved.

Director Bechtold noted that they were looking for banquet and bar staff if anyone knew of anyone interested.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep Dressler noted that she had a new office location on Roselle and asked everyone to stop in.

Commissioner R. Evans said he liked the new look for the Rec report and was glad to see the numbers were up. He reminded everyone of the Girls Night Out February 19th.

Chairman McGinn said it was great to see the numbers up and very nice to see outside ads on the marquee signs.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Neel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kaplan to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom
Secretary

Peggy Kusmierski
Recording Secretary