



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
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE
July 7, 2015**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Building and Grounds Committee was held on July 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner Mohan, Comm Reps Bettencourt, Dekirmenjian, Snyder, Chairman Kilbridge

Absent: Comm Rep Friedman, S. Triphahn

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

Audience: President Bickham, Commissioners Kinnane, McGinn, Kaplan, R. Evans; Mr. Keith Evans, Sandy Lovell 860 N. Dexter Ln

2. Agenda:

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

3. Minutes:

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mohan to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Parks Board Report/M15-080:

Director Giacalone reviewed the items.

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

B. P&D Board Report/M15-079:

Director Buczkowski reviewed the items.

Comm Rep Snyder asked if the district was advertising the mulch on the marquees; Commissioner Kaplan suggested signs in the facilities. Director Buczkowski noted that they were working on both items.

President Bickham asked why the mulch would have to go to an organic fill and Director Buczkowski noted that anything with wood chips was required to go to a land fill.

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

7. Committee Member Comments:

Commissioner Mohan hoped everyone had a good 4th of July.

Chairman Kilbridge said the parade was good and thanked staff for their participation. She reminded everyone of Splish Splash Family Bash on July 17 at Seascap.

8. Adjournment:

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dekirmenjian to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.
The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Deputy Director, Director of Admin & Finance

Peggy Kusmierski
Recording Secretary

Unofficial Notes:

Sandy Lovell addressed the committee asking to give an update on the Victoria Park wet lands. She reviewed the complaint with regard to the concrete that had been put into the area behind her home 25 years ago by the developer and discussed how the water from the creek was now going to Casey Park area and flooding the back yards instead of flowing into the wet lands. She also noted that there were many invasive plants including Canadian Thistle that was growing into the yards and gardens and cat tails that were clogging up the air conditioners and making it difficult to breathe out of doors. She explained that she and Gary Salavitch, from the Village, did not feel the last burn was very good. She asked if the park district would have the State come back to re-evaluate the condition of the wet lands.

Director Buczkowski noted that the district along with Schaumburg and other interested parties was part of the Poplar Creek Water Shed Committee that along with DNR had evaluated the problems and made recommendations to the State of Illinois. However, the state did not come up with the dollars required to fund any of the projects to address the issues.

Ms. Lovell noted that the EPA had evaluated the area in 1988 and noted that it would be important to preserve the wild life in the area to keep the land viable. President Bickham asked if the PCWS Committee still met and Director Buczkowski noted that they kept in touch but had been turned down on all their funding requests. Ms. Lovell noted that the last burn included some areas that did not have invasive plants and that her side of the creek did not get burned.

Chairman Kilbridge said she understood the concern about the invasive species and the change of water flow. Deputy Director Talsma noted that the concrete and water flow was beyond the park district purview, however, he would check with Director Giacalone with regard to the burn; that he had not heard any complaints. Comm Rep Dekirmenjian noted that they were burning the area more often and he would expect that they would get control over the invasive species at some time. Director Talsma noted that future burns were budgeted for the area.

Ms. Lovell noted that someone had come to check on downed trees at the creek but had difficulty reaching the area because of all the cat tails. She suggested that the district take the opportunity to involve the community in programs to collect wild seeds and have the schools in the area grow them and replant them in the wet land areas. Director Talsma noted that the district was involved in those programs right now.

Director Talsma thanked Ms. Lovell for her information on the wet lands noting that he would check with Director Giacalone on the success of the burn in that area.