



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
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 998
October 27, 2015**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on October 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner R. Evans, Kaplan, Kilbridge, Kinnane, McGinn, Mohan, Bickham

Absent: None

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: Facilities Manager Albig, TC Supervisor Fong, Judy Kudron and Family, Adam Mogilinski, Steve Deninzer, John Conroy, Mike Moran and Dan Pawinski, Greg and Chris Donahue, Greg Grant, Sandy Lovell of 860 N. Dexter

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Awards & Recognitions:

President awarded Judy Kudron for the PT employee of the 3 Quarter for stepping up when the C&M Department lost a FT member and Adam Mogilinski for the hard work he put in renovating the Admin Offices.

As the Fire Department Team was not present for the BOH, Commissioner Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mohan to change the agenda moving the BOH to later in the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

5. Minutes:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2015; September 8, 2015; and September 22, 2015 meetings as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

6. Comments From the Audience:

Mr. K. Evans thanked the district and BPC for participating in the Chamber Food Festival and complimented BPC staff on working the crowd as well as they did.

7. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion to remove item Controlled Burns 2016 Contract /M15-141 from the consent agenda to item C. under New Business; seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge. The motion carried by voice vote.

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kinnane to approve the consent agenda as amended.

On A Roll Call Vote: 7-0-0

Ayes: 7 Evans, Kaplan, Kilbridge, Kinnane, McGinn, Mohan,
Bickham

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

- A. Eagle Scout Project /M15-133
- B. Skate Park /M15-132
- C. Working Cash Abatement Resolution R15-003/M15-140
- D. Iatarola Property Annexation Ordinance O15-016/M15-139
- E. Program Manager job description updates / M15-137
- F. Surplus Ordinance Toro Sprayer O15-017/ M15-135
- G. A&F Detail Reports

- Manual checks \$331,399.80
- Monthly Invoices \$335,113.03
- H. Financial Statements
- I. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 9/1/2015
- J. Acceptance of Rec Minutes 9/8/2015
- K. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 9/22/2015

8. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mohan to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. President's Report:

President Bickham noted that in a few more weeks he will have visited all the parks in the park district. He commended staff on the condition of the parks and noted that most often they were well populated. He also said the Pumpkin Fest went very well and he was excited to see models going up on the Bergman Property. He also thanked staff for sharing their information from the past conference.

10. Old Business:

None

11. New Business:

A. BINA Hearing/M15-146:

Deputy Director Talsma reviewed the item noting that it was required to hold the hearing and that it was a proposal to sell bonds not to exceed \$10,000,000.

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Evans to approve for public input on the District's future intention to issue bonds during the October 27 meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

There was no additional public input on the item.

B. IAPD Credentials Certificate/M15-138:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item.

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kinnane to approve the Credentials Certificate with the appointments for the delegate and 1st, 2nd and 3rd alternates:

Delegate: Mike Bickham

1st alternate: Pat McGinn

2nd alternate: Robert Kaplan

3rd alternate: Ron Evans

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Controlled Burns 2016 Contract/M15-141:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting that it had been recommended by the A&F Committee and that in the past Victoria Park had been burned 3 times. In the first and third attempts, houses had been damaged because there was too much fuel too close to the homes and in the second burn, only 60% of the park was burned because it was too wet. He also explained that staff had talked with other burn companies and their recommendation was to cut a wide stretch around Victoria to protect the homes; however, they did not feel that at any point Victoria would be a high quality wet land.

He noted that staff was recommending that the water control structures be repaired by the Village to allow for the appropriate amount of water to flood the wet land which would, in turn, flood out the woody vegetation, Phragmites and cattails growing in the area reducing the amount of fuel in the park. He explained that park staff would monitor the water levels and in 2-3 years Victoria would be re-evaluated for a burn. He explained that staff was recommending other sites to be burned by Restoring Nature with Fire for \$13,494.

Commissioner McGinn asked how long it would take to bring the levels back to normal and Director Giacalone noted that it would be dependent on the rain levels. Commissioner Kinnane asked if the Village was repairing the water controls in-house and it was noted that they would. Commissioner Mohan asked if the district would incur a cost and Executive Director Bostrom said they would not.

Ms. Lovell addressed the board noting that the Village had been notified of an issue with the water control level in 2006. She also said she called Paul Leffler of the Army Corps of Engineers and he agreed that the higher water level should get rid of the cattails and other invasive plants and that a burn could be more successful after the removal of those plants. She noted that the district would have to go through Congress for funds but that then the ACOE could come out to help address issues with the wet lands. She also noted that Long Grass had done the best burn in the area and that it had been too wet when Restoring Nature had come to burn the area.

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to approve awarding the 2016 contracted burns to Restoring Nature with Fire from Ann Arbor, Michigan in the amount of \$13,494.00 to burn Hunters Ridge Park, Black Bear Park, and Rohrssen Park.

Additionally, the board approved that following the village repair of the out flow water level control structures, after a 3 to 5 year period of the water level being maintained at its engineered height, the park district would re-evaluate Victoria wetlands to see if the higher water level has reduced the amount of available fuel and if controlled burning could again become an option for Victoria Park. The motion carried by voice vote.

Best of Hoffman:

With the arrival of the Fire Department Team, Commissioner Mohan made a motion to return to the BOH at this point in the meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

President Bickham presented John Conroy, Mike Moran and Dan Pawinski with BOH for their immediate response to the life threatening emergency on the ice on September 27th. He also awarded BOH to the Fire Department Team of Jacob Szafranski, Jeff Northrup, Kurt Lichtenberg, Steven Stein, Matthew Fijalkowski and Lt Anthony Butler for their response to the situation as well as awarding Greg Donahue a gift card from the park district.

12. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kinnane praised the staff at PSSWC and noted that the Summit Café was a great addition.

Commissioner McGinn commended staff on the informative packets.

Commissioner Mohan reminded everyone of the Turkey Shoot November 7th.

Commissioner Kaplan commended the late night staff at Triphahn Center.

Commissioner Evans also reminded everyone of the Turkey Shoot and encouraged everyone to attend as many other district events as possible.

13. Executive Session:

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to move to Executive Session at 7:42 pm for the purpose of:

- A. Minutes, pursuant to Section 2(c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act.
- B. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, pursuant to Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0
Ayes: 7 Evans, Kaplan, Kilbridge, Kinnane, McGinn, Mohan,
Bickham
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to reconvene to regular session 8:35 at pm. The motion carried by voice vote.

14. Discussion and Vote from Executive Session:

None

15. Adjournment:

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kinnane to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski
Recording Secretary