



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 7, 2014**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation Committee meeting was held on October 7, 2014 at 7:35 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner R. Evans, Comm Reps Kaplan (7:38), Koltz, Wittkamp, Chairman McGinn

Absent: Comm Rep Dressler, Neel

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

Audience: President Bickham, Commissioner K. Evans, Greenberg, Kilbridge, Comm Rep Kinnane, GM of Golf Bechtold

2. Agenda:

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

3. Minutes:

Comm Rep Koltz made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Wittkamp to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Rec, Facilities & Golf Report and 3Q goals/M14-116:

Director Kies reviewed the report commending GM Bechtold on the excellent service for the Leadership Academy held at BPC.

Comm Rep Koltz asked about the number of scarecrows in the festival and Director Kies explained they had only 8, however, staff was working on incentives to get more people to participate in the creation of the scarecrows noting that they had 250 in attendance. Comm Rep Koltz also asked about the silent soccer and the need for the event and Executive Director Bostrom noted that it was a matter of awareness for participants and parents.

Commissioner R. Evans asked about the home schooling activities and Director Kies explained that it was an area the district was trying to grow.

Chairman McGinn asked about the 50+ Ice Program and Director Kies explained that it was like shuffle board on ice. Chairman McGinn also asked about the spike in private swim lessons and Director Kies noted that he believed it was due to the number of individuals from other countries interested in learning to swim and having their children learn to swim but not comfortable with the group lessons.

President Bickham noted that the selfie with the Park District's scarecrow was a huge success. Director Kies explained that they were going to be using that same thought for other large events.

Commissioner Greenberg asked about the inter-village youth baseball and soccer teams and director Kies explained that they were creating the inter-village leagues to create better competition. Commissioner Greenberg suggested using the same idea for women's leagues and/or any other league with low registration.

GM of Golf Bechtold reviewed his report noting that the BPC had been pleased to host the Friends of HE Parks Foundation's Uncorked and Untapped Wine/Beer event and that it had been perfect weather for the evening, great lighting in the event area and many great comments had been overheard regarding the event and location.

Comm Rep Kaplan asked how long the course would remain open and GM of Golf Bechtold said they would like to stay open into November; perhaps mid-November, depending on the weather.

Commissioner Greenberg asked if Superintendent Huguenot needed help from the Parks Department to establish the wild flower areas. Executive Director Bostrom noted that a huge amount of wild flower seeds were picked at the last event and that the Parks Department would have plenty to share with BPC staff. He also noted that he did not believe it would take a lot of staff to seed the wild flower areas but staff will check.

President Bickham noted that he saw that Wilmette renovated their course for drainage and he felt that BPC's renovation was still better.

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kaplan to send the Rec, Facilities & Golf Report and 3 Q Goals/M14-116 to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Commissioner R. Evans reminded everyone of BPC's Final Challenge this coming weekend and that they could also use help with the scoring.

Chairman McGinn wanted to recognize GM of Golf Bechtold for all his hard work in running the course and everything that entailed.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Wittkamp made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom
Secretary

Peggy Kusmierski
Recording Secretary