



*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. 987  
November 25, 2014**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on November 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioners K. Evans, R. Evans, Greenberg, Kilbridge, McGinn, Mohan, Bickham

Absent: None

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

Audience: Foundation Chair T. Triphahn, Comm Rep Kinnane, Superintendents Basile and Chesak, Program Supervisor Miller, BOH Bella Scheidecker & Family, and BOH Andrew Spencer & Family

**2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Agenda:**

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

**4. Awards:**

A. BOH:

President Bickham awarded Bella Scheidecker and Andrew Spencer the BOH for winning the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition held at Soldier's Field.

Mr. Spencer addressed the board thanking Superintendent of Rec Chesak and Connie Ralph for their tremendous support and in going above and beyond in their assistance to his family with their participation in this event.

B. 2014 Starguard Aquatics Lifeguard Audits:

President Bickham commended Superintendent of Facilities Basile and Program Supervisor Miller for the outstanding job they and their staff did for the audits. He also recognized Commissioner Kilbridge for introducing the park district to the Starguard program. Commissioner Kilbridge noted that it was all about staff and the job they did.

C. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Finance Reporting:

President Bickham congratulated staff on receiving the award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). He also noted that the district's credit profile was AA+. Deputy Director Talsma noted that it was due to much assistance from staff, particularly Superintendent of Finance Cotshott and Accounting Associate Meschewski.

**5. Minutes:**

Commissioner Greenberg made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**6. Comments from the Audience:**

None

**7. Consent Agenda:**

Commissioner Greenberg made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

On a Roll Call Vote: Carried 7-0-0  
Ayes: 7 K. Evans, R. Evans, Greenberg, Kilbridge, McGinn, Mohan,  
Bickham  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

- A. A&F Detail Reports
  - o Manual checks \$199,020.49
  - o Monthly Invoices \$207,999.72
- B. Financial Statements
- C. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 10/7/14
- D. Acceptance of Rec Minutes 10/7/14
- E. Acceptance of A&F 10/21/14

**8. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:**

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

**9. President's Report:**

President Bickham noted that in reviewing the IAPD referendum site he noted that 10 of the 14 recent referendums passed and that 6 were related to funding renovation. He also noted that he was looking at other park district websites and they were offering community input and in some cases, workshops. He noted that the winter *IGuide* looked great and that he had results from the survey that he would share with the Forward Plan Committee.

**10. Old Business:**

None

**11. New Business:**

A. Friends of HE Parks Update /M14-143:

Foundation Chair T. Triphahn addressed the board thanking them for all the support in the past year and offering an update of the Foundation's activities during that year. He noted that the Foundation had celebrated their 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and been able to piggy back with the park district's 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations. He also reviewed the mission of the Foundation as well as the Foundation Trustees, noting that a number of them were also Park District Commissioners and Community Reps. He reviewed the \$15,000 the Foundation donated to the scholarship fund, \$3,300 to the Out Reach programs and the \$5,730 for

the bus payment. He also thanked park district staff for their assistance to the Foundation and the district in general for the use of their staff and facilities.

Foundation Chair T. Triphahn reviewed the Foundation Events:

- Girl's Night Out 2/19/15
- SRT Celebri-Tee Golf Outing 6/17/15
- Splish Splash 7/17/15
- Uncorked 9/18/15

Foundation Chair T. Triphahn noted that they had a great basis for a great Foundation at the park district and continued to acknowledge the sponsors for the Foundation:

- Platinum: Tate and Lyle
- Gold: W-T Engineering and HE Community Bank
- Silver: 1<sup>st</sup> Place Sports Bar and Grill, Billy Casper, ATI, De Franco Plumbing, Morgan Stanley and Austin Meade

He also acknowledged the donations from American Express of \$7,500 for the Foundation.

Foundation Chair T. Triphahn took the opportunity to thank the Board of Commissioners again for their past support and noted that the Foundation would be making their last payment on the bus in January and looking for a new project to take on for the district. He also made mention of the Giving Tree with the Sponsorship levels that the Foundation would be working on this coming year. He asked that the Board continue to come to the Foundation events, bring their friends and introduce their business associates to the Foundation for future sponsorships.

Commissioner K. Evans thanked Foundation Chair T. Triphahn for all his time as well as the entire Foundation Board.

B. Renaming of High Point Park/M14-137:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the memo. Commissioner K. Evans asked if it would not go through committee and Executive Director Bostrom explained that it initially is brought directly to the board and during the 60 day waiting period required it would be brought to the committees. Commissioner K. Evans asked about input from the residents and/or informing them of who Joseph Fabbri was. Executive Director Bostrom noted that the policy required residents to be informed and a public meeting held if there was a physical change to the use of the park but not for the naming. He did note that a letter could be sent to residents adjacent to the park as well as a press

release for the papers and notice on our website with information on the name change and reasoning behind it.

Comm Rep Kinnane asked if they would put an historical marker on the site explaining the person behind the name change. Staff will look into that as well as placing one at Cannon Crossings to explain who Bill Cannon, whom the park is named after, was. It was noted that the Triphahn Center already had a plaque for Scott R. Triphahn. Commissioner Greenberg asked that any formal dedication be done when the weather was better.

Commissioner Greenberg made a motion, seconded by Commissioner K. Evans to preliminarily approve the changing of the name of High Point Park to Joseph L. Fabbrini Park with confirmation no earlier than 60 days or January 24, 2015.

On a Roll Call Vote: Carried 7-0-0  
Ayes: 7 K. Evans, R. Evans, Greenberg, Kilbridge, McGinn, Mohan,  
Bickham  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

C. Confirmation of Essex Park/M14-138:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the memo. Commissioner Kilbridge suggested doing a formal dedication at Party in the Park.

Commissioner Greenberg made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to confirm the name change of Essex Park to include that of Essex Park, 31 Summit and the Golf Road Basin.

On a Roll Call Vote: Carried 7-0-0  
Ayes: 7 K. Evans, R. Evans, Greenberg, Kilbridge, McGinn, Mohan,  
Bickham  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

D. Marquee Sign Lighting/M14-140:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting that it was coming directly to the board so that the work might be accomplished right after Thanksgiving.

Commissioner K. Evans asked if reflective light would work and Executive Director Bostrom explained that Director Buczkowski had tried several options, including reflective light and this was the best option.

Executive Director Bostrom also explained that Director Buczkowski had received the final payout from Walton and there were 2 items that needed to be addressed as when the board approved the contract, they did not approve a contingency fund for any change orders. He explained the first item was a spare parts kit for the approved 5-year warranty that would cost \$2,000 and the second item was that engineering had strongly suggested that the rear wall of each sign be additionally stabilized for a cost of \$2,000 per sign for a total of \$10,000 for all items. He explained that Walton had not turned in a request for a change order prior to completing the work, although Director Buczkowski had approved the changes expecting to receive a change order.

Commissioner K. Evans asked why if the project was still under budget by \$200,000+ this item was coming to the board and Executive Director Bostrom reminded him that they had not initially approve a contingency fund in addition to the contract amount to allow for him to approve these change orders.

Commissioner Greenberg made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mohan to approve an additional \$22,000 for the Marquee Project; \$12,000 to cover additional lighting of the words Hoffman Estates Park District on each sign, \$2,000 for the spare parts kit and \$10,000 to cover the cost of additional supports for the back walls at each sign location.

On a Roll Call Vote: Carried 7-0-0  
Ayes: 7 K. Evans, R. Evans, Greenberg, Kilbridge, McGinn, Mohan,  
Bickham  
Nays: 0  
Absent: 0

E. 2015 Calendar of Board/Committee Meetings/M14-139:

Commissioner Greenberg made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to approve the 2015 Calendar of Board/Committee Meetings as outlined in M14-139. The motion carried by voice vote.

**12. Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Greenberg noted that he really liked the Winter *IGuide* and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner R. Evans agreed and noted that he was still getting great comments on the Marquees.

Commissioner Kilbridge noted it had been quite the evening with the BOH awards. She also noted that the yoga program was great and she recommended it to everyone.

Commissioner Mohan noted that he believed the *IGuide* cover to be very crowded and that he would not be able to attend the December meeting.

Commissioner McGinn said he was still getting great comments on the Marquees also and asked how the advertising was going. Executive Director Bostrom noted that staff would start updating the board soon.

Commissioner K. Evans said the comments he was receiving were that the signs were too bright. Executive Director Bostrom noted that staff was looking to darken the background colors and that the creation of advertising for the Marquee required a learning curve. Commissioner K. Evans also noted that he was having trouble viewing the district's website from different apps and asked staff to look into that. He also asked staff to look at keeping the High Point pathways open for use over the winter; perhaps when they redesigned the pathway next year. Executive Director Bostrom noted that it would probably have more to do with maintenance than anything designing might offer.

Commissioner Mohan suggested using sand on the path rather than salt.

**13. Executive Session:**

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to move to Executive Session at 8:21 pm for the purposes of:

- A. Minutes - Section 2 (C)(21)
- B. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, pursuant to Section 2(C)(5) of the Open Meetings Act.
- C. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, pursuant to Section 2(C)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.
- D. Pending or probably litigation, pursuant to Section 2 (c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act.

On a Roll Call Vote: Carried 7-0-0

Ayes: 7 K. Evans, R. Evans, Greenberg, Kilbridge, McGinn, Mohan,  
Bickham

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Commissioner Kilbridge made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to reconvene to regular session at 10:30 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

**14. Discussion and Vote from Executive Session:**

None

**15. Adjournment:**

Commissioner Greenberg made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mohan to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom  
Secretary

Peggy Kusmierski  
Recording Secretary