



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
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
August 12, 2014**

1. Roll Call:

A special meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on August 12, 2104 at 8:27 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

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

Absent: None

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

Audience: None

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda:

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

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Utility Contracts/ M14-094:

Deputy Director Talsma reviewed the item noting that they had a contract for electric and a managed plan for gas. He explained that they had locked in at \$.05 for electric and the market was about \$.06 now not counting costs that the district could not control such as the charges for storage and delivery. He noted that even with this very low cost the line item would be 30% higher than the last 3 years.

He explained that he was looking at locking in the gas at \$.45 - \$.48 per therm and that would still be higher than the \$.40 per therm they had been seeing on the managed plan. He also noted that they were expecting another cold winter.

Because the pricing was so favorable right now, Deputy Director Talsma wanted to lock into the gas for at least 1 year and the electric for 2 or 3 years. He explained that the district did not need to bid these items out.

Commissioner McGinn asked how they could approve a new contract if they were still under contract until December. Deputy Director Talsma explained that they could lock in the price now that would not become effective until after the old contract had ended.

Commissioner Mohan asked how long they could lock into a contract and Deputy Director Talsma explained that the district could lock into these contracts for up to three years. Commissioner Mohan asked about generators and Deputy Director Talsma noted that they did not have the facilities tied to any generator although they did have a backup generator for the technology that gave them about 2 hours to shut everything down.

Executive Director Bostrom and Director Kies left the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Commissioner Mohan asked about outages and Deputy Director Talsma explained that the facilities saw surges but seldom saw any significant outages.

Executive Director Bostrom and Director Kies returned to the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Commissioner K. Evans asked that the A&F Committee be updated on the decision this evening.

Commissioner Greenberg made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to authorize staff to enter into fixed rate contracts for electricity and natural gas for a period of one to three years based on the best available price for the respective supply as obtained from the competitive quotes obtained by McDonnell Energy consultant. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Greenberg commented on how well PIP went and that staff had done an excellent job removing the bushes on the street side of WRC.

Commissioner R. Evans agreed that PIP was very successful, had great music. He noted that there had been many events the past week and they were all great including the Volunteer Appreciation Night and live music at BPC.

Commissioner Kilbridge noted that she was the park board rep on the Foundation board and wanted to ask the Commissioners to assist the Foundation Trustees in selling Reverse Raffle tickets at \$20 per ticket. She also explained that they were looking for a way for the Foundation to use BPC at a better cost without negatively impacting BPC's budget. It was noted that they received food at a discount rather than cost. Deputy Director Talsma suggested having the conversation at the Foundation meeting next Wednesday.

Commissioner Mohan noted that he would not be able to attend the 8/27 IAPD Golf outing and asked what was new with the gaming machines. Executive Director Bostrom explained that they had received a check for \$785 and would routinely report that income in future financial reports.

Commissioner McGinn also noted that he enjoyed PIP.

Commissioner K. Evans agreed with the statements on PIP and noted that he had been to TC earlier and the swipe card system was working well and he found that the facility was very clean. He also noted that all staff had done a great job on the Volunteer Appreciation Night and congratulated Admin Asst Kusmierski on her involvement with the evening and the successful Foundation events all summer long.

President Bickham noted that it was a very busy week and made note of the new proclamation for HEPD Year. He said the Volunteer Night was great as well as the day camps.

Commissioner Kilbridge congratulated staff on the 5-star review the guards at PSSWC and FAC had received.

Commissioner K. Evans noted that the natural areas in the park tour were looking great.

Executive Director Bostrom noted that the patch on the leak at FAC was holding well.

8. Adjournment:

Commissioner Greenberg made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom
Secretary

Peggy Kusmierski
Recording Secretary