



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
January 13, 2015**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation Committee was held on January 13, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner R. Evans, Comm Rep Dressler, Kaplan (7:02), Koltz, Neel, Wittkamp, Chairman McGinn

Absent: None

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

Audience: Commissioners K. Evans, Kilbridge, President Bickham, Superintendent of Recreation Chesak

2. Agenda:

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

3. Minutes:

Comm Rep Neel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Recreation, Facilities & Golf Report and 4Q2014 Goals/M15-001:

Director Kies reviewed the report noting that the district had received the Exceptional Workplace award from IPRA. He also recognized Supt. Chesak for her work with the Spencer Family and arranging for an opportunity for their son to participate at the Bears Game. Senior Coordinator Cuff was recognized by the Village of Hoffman Estates for her volunteer work in the community. He also pointed out that staff was working with the vendors to provide healthy options.

Commissioner K. Evans noted that the successful programs he was aware of required 100% of the selection to be healthy. Staff will monitor the changeover.

Chairman McGinn noted that the membership numbers at PSSWC were up. Executive Director Bostrom noted that Director Kies had been elected to the Vice Chair for the Chamber of Commerce as well as being put on the IPRA Foundation Board.

Commissioner R. Evans noted that swim lessons were at 708 and asked if there was room to add more. Director Kies explained that they could continue to expand in that area.

Comm Rep Koltz asked about the basketball numbers being down and staff noted that they did not have any clear reason although it appeared to be down in many districts. Staff will monitor the program.

Comm Rep Kaplan explained that many families played two sports and suggested that staff look at offering a fee break if a child was involved in a second sport; that it might help to increase participation.

Director of Golf Bechtold reviewed his report noting that they were actually receiving calls for receptions in 2017. He also explained that BPC was a gold finalist for Wedding Wire.

Chairman McGinn noted that it was good to see the event numbers up and the F&B numbers were also very good.

Comm Rep Koltz asked how long the course had been open noting that one near him had golf on New Year's day. Director Bechtold explained that they had closed in November and that they felt it

caused too much damage to 'reopen' the course for a few warmer days.

Commissioner R. Evans noted that he had received questions/concerns about the work on #10 and the balls rolling into the water more now. Director Bechtold explained that the fairway would now go to where the cart path had been and then begin the rough. He explained that in the past, balls would bounce on the hard cart path and into the water hazard and he did not believe that would be the case now. He also explained that the trees that were removed were scrub and would not be replaced at this time. Commissioner R. Evans asked why Stonegate was still advertising their award in the Knot in competition with BPC and it was noted that they had won it and it was advertised as such for 2009.

Executive Director Bostrom informed the committee that Director Bechtold had been promoted to the position of Director of Golf for 2015 and he was congratulated by the committee. Executive Director Bostrom also explained that they received questions with regard to the Division reports and that in the future, they would be addressing all the questions in an email to all committee and board members although they might not see that email until the day of the meeting.

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Neel to send the Rec, Fac & Golf Report and 4Q2014 Goals to the board. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Renaming High Point Park/M14-145/137:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting that it would go before the board on January 27th for final approval. He reviewed some of the history of Mr. Fabbrini.

Comm Rep Koltz asked about the 600-foot notice and Executive Director Bostrom explained that the district has a policy of notifying surrounding residents when the district is making a significant change to a park as a matter of courtesy.

Chairman McGinn noted that staff had done a great job looking into the history of Mr. Fabbrini.

Comm Rep Neel asked if there would be a plaque at the park with information on Mr. Fabbrini's services to the district and Executive Director Bostrom noted that there would.

Comm Rep Kaplan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dressler to recommend the board accept the name change of High Point Park

to the Joseph L. Fabbrini Park on January 27, 2015. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep Dressler wished everyone a happy new year.

Comm Rep Koltz said he had been on the website and the new process for registration was awesome.

Commissioner R. Evans said he saw a number of residents over the holiday season and became aware of how many did not know who the district was or what they did and encouraged staff to continue to get the message out.

Comm Rep Neel noted that she had received 3 Facebook messages from HEPD & ME in a single week and felt that was a bit overdone. It was noted that they should be scheduled for once a week and staff will check on this.

Chairman McGinn said he noticed the different advertising on the marquee signs and thought it was great. Comm Rep Kaplan asked about the rates and Comm Rep Dressler noted that it was \$1,400/month if you ordered 4 months and you received a 10 second ad every 90 seconds. She felt it an excellent value and had been told that she could share that ad space for ½ cost and ½ the exposure.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Dressler made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Wittkamp to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom
Secretary

Peggy Kusmierski
Recording Secretary