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AGENDA
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2016
7:00 P.M.

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MINUTES
 - December 1, 2015
4. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE
5. OLD BUSINESS
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Victoria North Playground name/ M16-003
 - B. Parks Board Report and 4Q2015 Goals / M16-002
 - C. Planning & Development Report and 4Q2015 Goals / M16-001
7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS
8. ADJOURNMENT

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE SCOTT R. TRIPHAHN COMMUNITY CENTER & ICE ARENA AT 1685 W. HIGGINS ROAD IN HOFFMAN ESTATES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. WE INVITE THOSE WHO MAY NEED AN ACCOMMODATION DUE TO A DISABILITY TO CONTACT US 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE. PLEASE CONTACT JANE KACZMAREK, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, AT 847-885-7500.



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**MINUTES
BUILDING AND GROUND COMMITTEE
December 1, 2015**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Building and Grounds Committee was held on December 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner Mohan, Comm Rep Bettencourt, Dekirmenjjan, Friedman, Snyder, S. Triphahn, Chairman Kilbridge

Absent: None

Also Present: Executive Director Bostrom, Deputy Director/A&F Director Talsma, P&D Director Buczkowski, Parks and Risk Director Giacalone

Audience: Commissioners Kaplan, Kinnane, McGinn, President Bickham

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Minutes:

Chairman Kilbridge noted that the word "columbine" should be corrected to "combine".

Comm Rep Triphahn made a motion, seconded by Comm Snyder to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting as corrected. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments From the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Environmental Scorecard/M15-167:

Executive Director Bostrom reviewed the item noting that Director Giacalone was spearheading the report and the district had received a very high score.

Commissioner McGinn asked what previous scores had been and Director Giacalone noted that with the exception of the first time, the district routinely scored in the mid to upper 90's.

President Bickham asked what would happen if a district did not score well and Director Giacalone noted that outside of not serving their community, there was no official impact.

Comm Rep Dekirmenjian made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Friedman made a motion to send the Environmental Scorecard to the board. The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Parks Report/M15-168:

Comm Rep Snyder asked why the lightning detectors did not run year round and Director Giacalone explained that they did not work well in the cold weather and that there was not much lightning or much need to use the system over the winter.

Executive Director Bostrom addressed the issue of a pipe that collapsed under I-90 noting that the water ran from Fabbrini Park (High Point) to the Twins to Eisenhower and then under I-90 and that the Tollway Contractor was pumping the area. However, the water was filling up faster than it could be pumped out and backing into Eisenhower. He noted that there was talk about closing a lane to address the issue and that it should be taken care of by the weekend. Director Giacalone noted that the water was to the top of the wall but not yet on the path at Fabbrini Park.

Comm Rep Dekirmenjian made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Triphahn to send the Parks Report/M15-168 to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

C. P&D Report/M15-163:

Chairman Kilbridge asked if the district was leaning away from building an off-ice area behind TC and Director Buczkowski noted that they were still exploring all options as well as the one to utilize any existing space. She asked when they would make the decision and Director Buczkowski noted that they would present the plan at the February or March B&G Meeting.

Comm Rep Dekirmenjian asked what off-ice training was and Director Buczkowski explained that it would be stick handling or strength training or other areas of exercise that did not need to be done on the ice given the cost of renting ice and the limited amount of ice available for anything other than practices and games. Comm Rep Dekirmenjian asked about the Wolves and Executive Director Bostrom explained that they had their own limited off-ice area and that their practices and ice use were during the day when the kids were all in school and not in need of ice time. He explained that other rinks offered concrete space approximately 120-feet by 30-feet for the off-ice needs.

Comm Rep Dekirmenjian asked if it was best to keep the off-ice area close to the rink and it was noted that it was. Executive Director Bostrom explained that the same area could also be used for baseball or football for the same purposes of training and/or strengthening. Comm Rep Dekirmenjian noted that when the facility was built, they put a portion of it below ground so that it would not be too high for the community and would the district do that again and Executive Director Bostrom noted that they would most likely leave it at ground level. He also noted that the district had used the below ground clay from the TC site at Eisenhower to stabilize the area.

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Dekirmenjian to send the P&D report M15-163 to the board as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Commissioner Mohan asked how many backstops had been damaged and Executive Director Bostrom noted that there was only one.

It was also noted that the January B&G meeting would be held January 12 at 7 pm with the Rec meeting immediately following.

8. Adjournment:

Commissioner Mohan made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Snyder to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Bostrom
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski
Recording Secretary

MEMORANDUM NO. M16-003

TO: B&G Committee
FROM: Dean Bostrom, Executive Director
John Giacalone, Director Park Services/Dev & Risk Mgmt
Gary Buczkowski, Director of Planning & Development
RE: Victoria North Playground name
DATE: January 8, 2016

Background

Victoria North playground is currently scheduled for renovation in the spring/early summer 2016. This playground is being designed to create the most ADA accessible playground in the district.

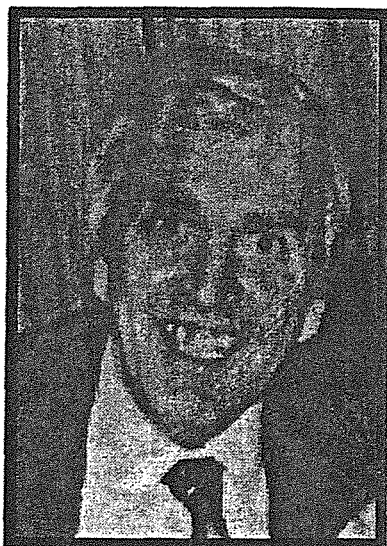
Presented to the Board on November 24th, was a recommendation to name the playground within Victoria Park “Peter M. Smith Playground”. (See attached documentation regarding Peter’s accomplishments). Peter Smith was a true champion and advocate for promoting equal access for all individuals with disabilities. Locally, Peter Smith was credited with being responsible for creating the Village of Hoffman Estates model accessibility ordinance. This ordinance was the first of its kind in Illinois and required that all public buildings be architecturally accessible to the handicapped. Eleven years before Peter was first elected to serve as **Commissioner on the Hoffman Estates Park District Board**, he served on the park district’s Special Recreation Committee and was instrumental in spearheading the district’s drop-in center for physically handicapped adults. Peter served as an active member of the Hoffman Estates Commission on Seniors and the Disabled.

Implications

At the November 24th board meeting, the board preliminarily approved naming the Victoria North playground **Peter M. Smith Playground**. The name can only be officially confirmed by the board 60 days after, or on January 26, 2016. During this 60 day waiting period, the proposed name change will be presented to each of the park board’s 3 standing committees, posted on the district’s website and posted on a notification sign located at Victoria North playground. The website and notification sign will provide contact information regarding the proposed name change and the date/time of the park board meeting in which the confirmation will take place (1/26/2016). The collective input received during the waiting period will be presented at that time. A dedication ceremony will be held in the summer 2016.

Recommendations

The B&G Committee recommend to the Board, naming the Victoria North playground the “Peter M. Smith Playground” after the 60 day waiting period on January 26, 2016.



Peter M. Smith Jr.

October 8, 1936 - August 2, 1995

Pete was a courageous, innovative, and tenacious man.

A champion of the disabled,
an inspiration to all who met him,
and a hero to those who loved him.

With personal achievements
too numerous to count,
his pride was never greater than that
which he had for his family.

In his death, as in his life, he led the way,
never losing his dignity or sense of humor.

As one of his favorite songs suggests,
"Celebrate good times, come on!"
Celebrate Pete's life,
for he lived and loved well.

And now he walks again, among angels,
and in our hearts forever.

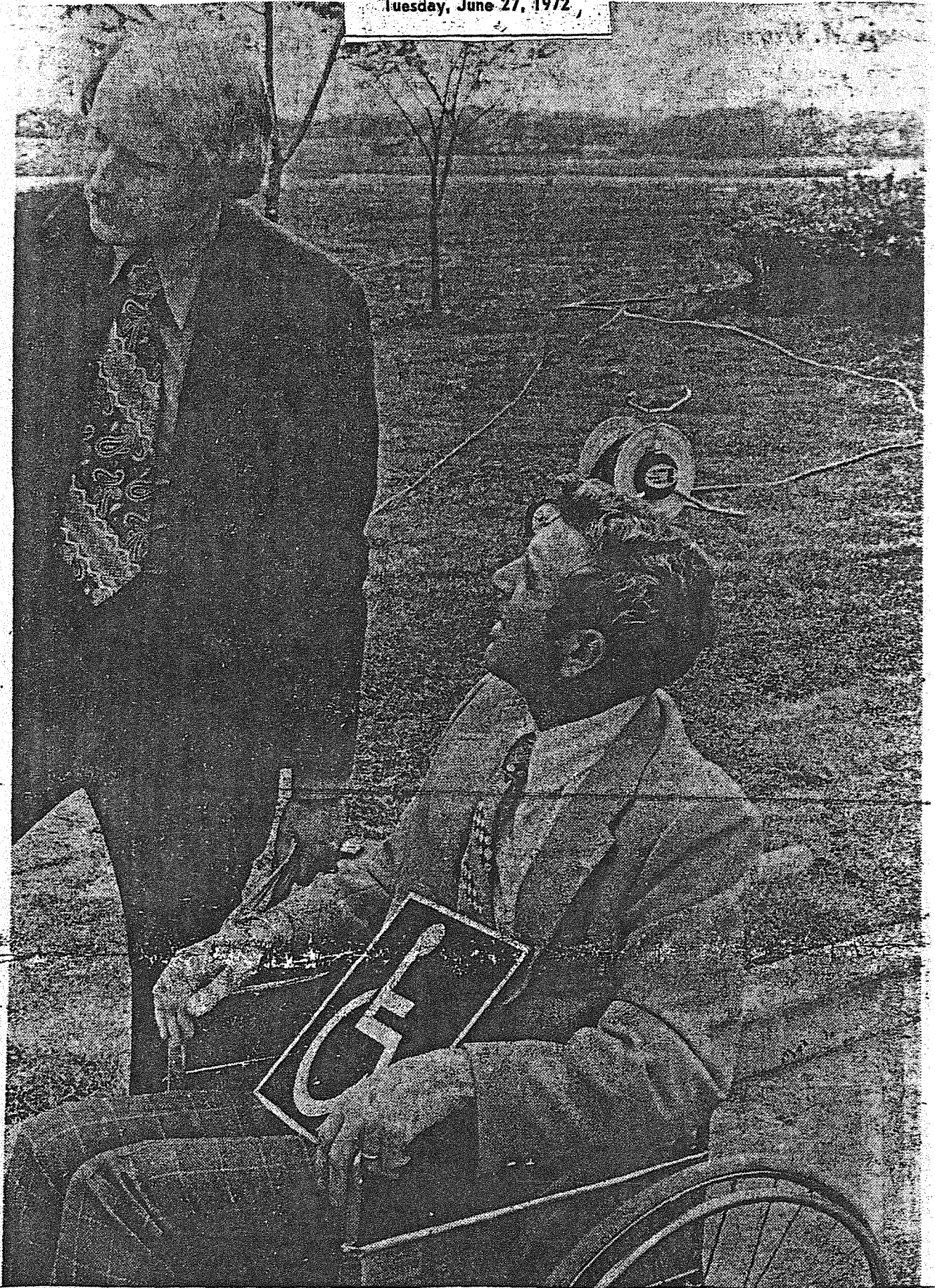
From his loving family.



FRESH FROM HIS movie debut in "The Balance Sheet," made for the Governor's Commission on Employment of the Handicapped, Pete Smith of Hoffman Estates

checks some film cases while on the job at Novo Airfreight, Elk Grove Village, where he has been employed as a salesman for five years — three in a wheelchair.

Tuesday, June 27, 1972



RECOGNIZED AT Sunday's dedication of Hoffman Estates' new municipal building was Pete Smith, seated, a local Jaycee instrumental in gaining features for the handicapped in the building's design. He holds the international symbol for buildings accessible to disabled persons.

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Wednesday, August 16, 1972

Though Handicapped, He Enjoys Life

Need Help? Just Call Pete Smith

by MARY HUTCHINGS

Pete Smith is going to frame his first movie contract and wait for Hollywood to call.

On a 24-hour pass from a recent hospital stay, he starred in his first film, "The Balance Sheet," made by Creative Establishment of Chicago.

The film will be distributed by the Governor's Commission on Employment of the Handicapped, of which Smith is an active and influential member.

Pete Smith is probably better known to Hoffman Estates residents as the civic leader who is responsible for the village's model ordinance — the first in Illi-

nois — which requires that public buildings be architecturally accessible to the handicapped.

Smith was stricken with multiple sclerosis more than three years ago. Though he now may dream of a motorized wheelchair, he said the only difference in his life "is that it takes me a little longer to get from Point A to Point B. A transportation problem — that's all."

His attitude toward his handicap is inspirational to those who meet him as he wheels in and out of civic activities in the village.

"THE ONLY PERSON who is handicapped is the one who thinks he is,"

Smith said, radiating an inner strength and confidence that convinces and charms the listener.

"The day of the shut-in is gone," he added. "If I have any message I could get up on a soapbox and preach, it's 'get out and enjoy life. Come on in, the water's fine.'"

The man familiar to parade-goers as the guy "skiing" in his wheel chair behind the Jaycee car has long gotten over the "Why me?" period.

Smith's acceptance of what most would call a drastic change in his lifestyle is so remarkably good and his enthusiasm for

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"getting involved in anything you want" is so contagious his doctor sometimes asks him to talk with other patients.

"If anyone thinks life is passing them by, please call me," Smith offered. He's happy to help people buy wheelchairs and then teach them the fine points of "driving" one.

A salesman for Novo Airfreight in Elk Grove Village, the father of four drives himself to work in a station wagon designed with hand controls. He joked that his home at 402 Kingsdale houses a "two-chair" family — one for the home that allows him to get close to things, and one for the road, sturdy enough to bounce down curbs and do "wheelies" up them.

AN AVID BEARS' fan, he didn't miss a home game last year, and with sons Bob, 12, and Patrick (P.J.), 6, will be rooting them on again this year.

His favorite sport, though, is "mental gymnastics."

It's hard to believe Smith when he describes himself as an "egomaniac," but he can quickly and accurately sense a person's "basic motivating factor" and readily admits that "fan" letters make him happy.

After the passing of the Hoffman Estates ordinance, his mail included inquiries into how to go about passing similar laws elsewhere, as well as anonymous "thank yous" from the handicapped and the elderly.

With the ranks of the handicapped being swelled here with the return of injured Vietnam veterans, Smith said the ramps and railings required in public buildings by the local ordinance will become even more important.

He praised the design of Woodfield, which "allows the handicapped to spend his money just as well as anybody else," and he's probably one of the few who has noticed the cut-away curbs on Michigan Avenue downtown and the half dozen Loop buildings with the "accessible to the handicapped" symbol.

Smith said he "couldn't make it without the help of my wife — my super-partner." His two daughters, Donna, 13, and Susie, 9, as well as the boys, the dog and two pet mice, keep the household busy. Smith included the Jaycees, who "won't let me be handicapped."

"You know, we don't have to bring the old theory of the city with us to the suburbs. We all need help; we can all help each other. Some are able to do more than others," Smith said.

Very few people do more to help than Pete Smith.

He laughed, "I get by with a little help from my friends."

AND JAYCEES SUPERSTAR Pete Smith will be featured in TV public service announcements sponsored by Gov. Dan Walker's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped, being released this week.

Films were made at Hoffman Estates High School and show the ramp and elevators used by wheelchair bound students. The ads will be used statewide during '74.

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License plates to identify the handicapped

Special license plates to identify handicapped drivers were issued for the first time in Illinois last month.

The plates, which carry the international handicapped accessibility symbol and the numbers in the driver's address, are intended as a "security blanket" for disabled drivers, said Pete Smith of Hoffman Estates.

"This makes it very easy for law enforcement officers to identify handicapped drivers and offer help if necessary," explained Smith, who has served as an aide to Gov. Daniel Walker's Committee on the Employment of the Handicapped.

Illinois is the third state in the na-

tion, joining Kentucky and Maryland, to make these plates available, he said.

"The idea behind this, and other ideas for the handicapped now being promoted nationwide, is to get the disabled person out of his house and into the community," Smith continued.

He noted Illinois legislation now requires rest and parking areas equipped for persons confined to wheelchairs.

He also noted many municipalities are passing local ordinances specifying special parking areas be provided in shopping centers and other areas used by disabled persons.



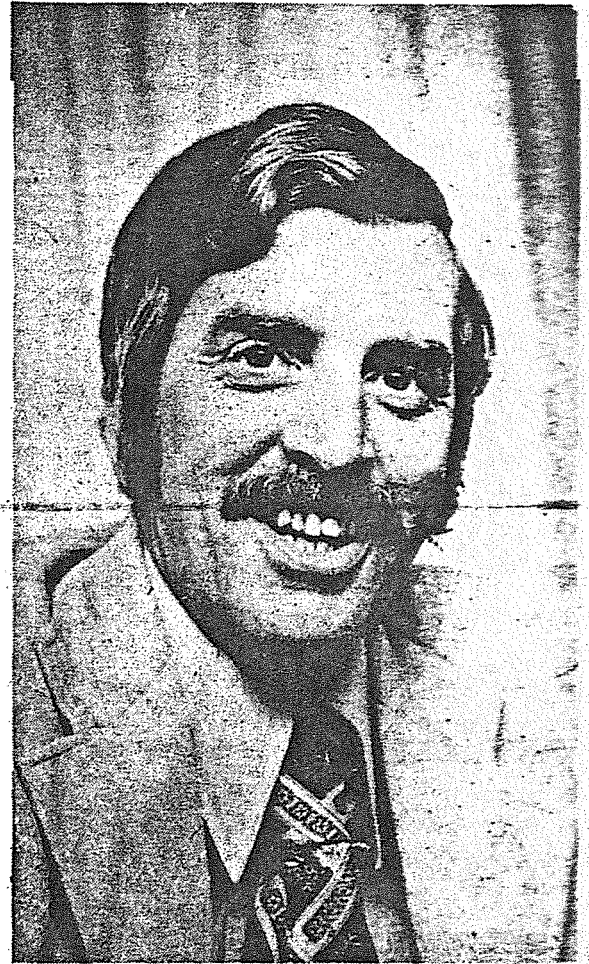
PETE SMITH of Hoffman Estates is among the first Illinois residents to display special auto license plates issued to handicapped drivers. Plates carry the international handicapped accessibility symbol.

VOICE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Wednesday, July 17, 1974

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Smith named council coordinator



PETE SMITH

Pete Smith, 402 Kingsdale, Hoffman Estates, has been named area council coordinator for the newly re-organized Governor's Committee on the Handicapped.

The area councils, currently being organized throughout the state, are intended to keep the committee regularly informed and involved with local activity—and non-activity—affecting the physically, emotionally and psychologically handicapped, according to Executive Director J. Douglas Forman.

Anyone interested in joining the Schaumburg—Hoffman Estates—Elk Grove Villages area council should contact Smith, 885-1304, or Forman, 793-3270.



HAD IT not been for the efforts of Pete Smith, handicapped persons might not have found the Hoffman Estates municipal building accessible. The accessibility symbol on the concrete wall in front of the building indicates the fruits of Pete's labor of working with village officials to make them understand the problems of the handicapped. "All it usually takes is to make people aware," he says. (Photo by Herb Shenkin)

Pete shows handicapped can lead 'normal' life

By **DIANE JENSEN**
Staff Writer.

IT WAS NINE years ago that Pete Smith found he could no longer run. "I was playing ball with the kids at the time. When I went to run after the ball, I couldn't," explains the 39 year old Hoffman Estates resident.

Realizing that something was wrong with him, Pete made an appointment the next day to see the doctor. That something, he discovered, was the beginning stages of multiple sclerosis (MS) which would confine him to a wheelchair in less than three years.

"My first reaction was quite normal," he recalls. "I asked myself the obvious questions. 'Why me?' 'What did I do?'"

Although MS did succeed in confining Pete to a wheelchair, it was unable to confine his determination and spirit to continue being a contributing member of society. His desire to make life less difficult for all wheelchair victims prompted him to become a volunteer on the Governor's Committee on the Handicapped, a state advisory group of which he is regional coordinator for suburban Cook county.

As such he has spoken to organizations and civic leaders throughout the state to make them aware of the problems of wheelchair living. "Making people aware is our biggest thing," Pete says, adding that the Governor's committee is concerned with recreation, employment, education, accessibility, legislation and transportation affecting the handicapped.

A member of the Jaycees when first afflicted with MS, Pete through his local chapter was instrumental in getting the state organization involved in Project: Breakthrough, a program concerned with accessibility for the handicapped. He has appeared on television shows, and short films to help educate the public on the plight of the handicapped.

This year he is president of the Hoffman Estates Loyal Parents, a booster group of Hoffman Estates high school.

THE VOICE salutes Pete for his outstanding contribution to removing barriers for the handicapped and as its Citizen of the Month for February.

As a 30 year old man with a wife and four children, Pete said he was depressed when he first learned he had MS. "I was in the Jaycees when it first happened," he recalls, adding that it was good for him because they are not the kind of group that "allows you to become depressed."

A salesman for Novo Air Freight, Pete said he learned he could lead a normal life. "My company was very, very good," he said, adding that much of his work could be done over the telephone.

Because Pete had enjoyed life as what he terms a "normal folk," he realized that many handicapped persons weren't able to do the same things because of inaccessibility. Little things that he had taken for granted—like putting a dime in a coin-operated telephone, getting a drink of water from a fountain and using a public washroom—became impossible.

There is a desperate need to identify the handicapped so their needs can be known. "Right now we are only working with estimates," he says, explaining that HEW figures show that 10% of the people in this country are handicapped, not including the blind.

He said although the community is becoming more accessible, there are many handicapped persons who are not enjoying life. "If they are having any problems with their handicap, we would like to know," he said, adding that handicapped persons can live a normal life. "It's a question of knowing what you can do."

Of all the things Pete has accomplished, it is with pride that he talks of his own community being the first in the state to adopt an accessibility ordinance. "I get a big thrill when I drive by the accessibility symbol on the village hall, Hoffman Estates high school, Church of the Cross and St. Hubert knowing that it will be there at least 50 years. Maybe when my kids are

grown they will take their kids and show them the symbols and say that grandpa had something to do with it."

(Each month the VOICE honors someone in the community as Citizen of the Month. If you know of a deserving person, we would like to hear about him or her. Simply send the name, address and telephone number with a brief explanation they he or she should be selected. Nominations should be sent to Voice Newspapers, Family Living Editor, 1495 Tonne rd., Elk Grove Village, Il. 60007)

Pat Gerlach



Jaycee gets White House bid

It's another case of Mr. Smith goes to Washington!

Hoffman Estates resident Pete Smith has received an invitation from the White House asking that he attend the April 28 meeting of President Ford's Commission on the Employment of the Handicapped.

Pete, a prime mover in the Illinois Jaycees push for wheelchair ramps in public buildings, is active in many handicapped programs.

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PINEAPPLE from Hawaii and sourdough bread from California will arrive by special flight for Hoffman Estates Loyal Parents Flea Fair May 1 and 2 at Hoffman Estates High School, 1100 W. Higgins Rd..

HELP, with the aid of the Hoffman Estates High School student body, is promoting the event to raise funds for a \$5,000 community activities sign to be placed in front of the school.

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"I THINK that's pretty stinky," remarked Schaumburg Pres. Ray Kessell when advised members of The Herald staff are being recruited to play on a celebrity team at next weekend's Spring Valley Sports Weekend.

The celebrity team will pit professional athletes and radio and television personalities against The Spring Valley Stinkers, a group of local officials and civic leaders headed by Kessell and Sen. David A. Regner, R-Mount Prospect.

The benefit, sponsored by Chicago Health and Tennis Club, is expected to produce at least \$1,000 for Schaumburg's proposed Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary.

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WATCH FOR the June 1 opening in Schaumburg of stock and bond brokers Blunt, Ellis and Simmons.

*Hit by MS,
he fights for
rights of the
handicapped*

Today

Mike
Klein's
people



Ten years ago, the world trailed on a kite string behind fast running, hard charging Pete Smith. "We had everything going for us," he remembered this week.

There was so much that had gone well . . . Pete's flourishing career, a good wife, Rosemary, and four children, their home in Milwaukee and Pete's interest in making a solid contribution to people.

All that might have changed.

PETE THINKS THE symptoms came earlier than he first knew. "I just didn't recognize it, shrugged it off, worked around it," he said.

But one day, Pete could not play volleyball. "I discovered that I couldn't run or hit the ball," he said.

Pete had multiple sclerosis. He was confined to a wheelchair three years later.

Pete will never escape the paralysis which has made his legs dead weight in the wheelchair. That much about Pete Smith is different from 10 years ago.

BUT NOTHING ELSE. That wheelchair has not strapped him down. It has not been six horrible years for Pete Smith.

The still flourishing career is with Novo Airfreight of Elk Grove Village, where Pete has been a top salesman for nine years.

He recently completed a two-year term as president of the Hoffman Estates (H.S.) Loyal Parents. The Jaycees made Pete a lifetime member.

That's only the start. Four years ago, Pete complained to a woman about provisions for handicapped persons. She challenged him, "Then why don't you do something?"

HIS PILOT LIGHT was it. Pete got busy. Today, he has served almost four years as a member of the Governor's Commission on Employment of the Handicapped.

He's advanced to Cook County regional coordinator for suburban

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Crippler can't stop Pete Smith

MS victim--a handicapped fighter

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areas. "Ombudsman for the handicapped." That's what Pete called his job.

But Pete complained that not enough persons know he's there, ready to work with local organizations. "That's why I'm so glad to have the media," he said.

He never quit living after MS. "Always look for different worlds to conquer," Pete admonished. "It's better to stay busy, not just for medical reasons or peace of mind; but because I want to be busy."

OTHERS HAVE NOT been so fortunate. Pete said there are 11 million disabled Americans who could work. But only four million are employed.

The remainder cannot find jobs. Or they have no way to get to work. Stories are as varied as the people. But they're nearly all on relief. That bothers Pete.

"I can't believe anyone enjoys being on public aid," said Pete. "There's pride in bringing home a paycheck and knowing that by the sweat of your brow, you made it."

"It goes back to the adage of early America," he said. "If you don't work, then you don't eat. That pride is there in many of the handicapped."

Today

Mike Klein's people



LAST WEEKEND, Pete attended the annual meeting of The President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, a conference in Washington, D.C.

President Gerald R. Ford also was scheduled to attend but chose to campaign in Texas.

The 2,000 conventioners were not pleased at being snubbed by Ford, who apparently sent invitations to everyone but himself.

They also were concerned about being overlooked in modern America. "There's a great feeling of militancy among the handicapped," said Pete. "We're not asking for a handout."

"WE'RE CITIZENS of this country like anybody else. It's our right to en-

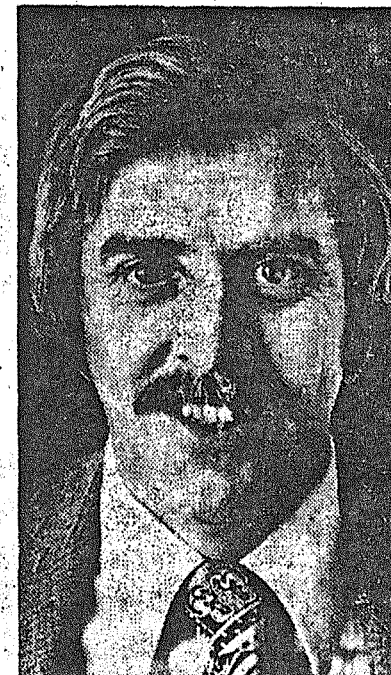
joy the American Dream, the right to work."

Pete Smith is more fortunate than some handicapped Americans. He came south from Milwaukee, already afflicted with multiple sclerosis.

Novo Airfreight hired Pete Smith for his talents as a salesman. "They had a great deal of faith that I could produce, if by nothing other than the telephone," said Pete. "We've been able to achieve that."

Pete would have the same chance exist for every handicapped person, that right to work.

"I am a living person. I am not to be laughed at," Pete said in support of all disabled Americans. "I am not to be taken for granted."



PETE SMITH

Area Jaycees Win Honor

The U.S. Jaycees have announced at the annual state convention held in Springfield this year that the Hoffman Estates Jaycees have been awarded two second place certificates for projects sponsored during the year.

In the state-wide competition, there were more than 350 entries by other local Jaycee chapters. It has been seldom that any one chapter would win two awards for two different projects in the same year.

The first project which won second place was in the Governmental Involvement category for the Hoffman Estates Jaycees local project "RAMP". This project concerned the writing and getting passed of a local

ordinance which required all new construction of public buildings to conform to certain standards for accessibility by invalids.

These standards include such items as ramps and extra wide doors which can be opened with a minimum of effort by handicapped individuals. There are also many internal construction features such as extra-wide corridors to increase the mobility of persons confined to wheelchairs.

The new Hoffman Estates village hall is an example of the type of construction necessary for increasing the mobility of handicapped persons.

The local project was run by

Peter Smith, a member of the Hoffman Estates Jaycees for over five years. He also brought and promoted this project to the attention of the state organization of the U.S. Jaycees and it was chosen as a state-wide project for other Jaycee chapters to run in their communities.

There have been many other communities which have passed ordinances patterned after the one adopted by the village of Hoffman Estates because of the effort made by Smith. It has also received recognition from the state governors office and its program called "Breakthru."

The other project which won a second place award, was in the

category of Human Relations and was called the Rapid City South Dakota Flood Relief Project.

This project was chaired by Bob Brenner, a member of the Hoffman Estates Jaycees for three years.

The outstanding feature of this project was that it was the first time that emergency measures from one Jaycee chapter to another in a different state could be set into motion. The funds and relief items obtained went directly to the Jaycees in Rapid City for distribution to local residents in need.

Both projects generated great enthusiasm and concern within the community of Hoffman Estates.

Y'all come, park district says

Handicap center opens Friday

Now all the Hoffman Estates Park District can do is wait to see how many handicapped persons turn out.

It was five months ago that the district's special recreation committee proposed the idea of a drop-in center for physically handicapped adults.

It would be a place for handicapped persons from throughout the Northwest suburbs to meet once a month to socialize.

THE DISTRICT'S main recreational facility, the Vogelei Barn, has been modified slightly to make it accessible to the handicapped. The washroom doors were adjusted, a ramp for wheel chairs has been installed.

The Northwest Special Recreation Assn., a cooperative of 13 area park districts, mailed fliers to hospitals

and special groups such as United Cerebral Palsy and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

And to get people out to the first session, the committee decided it would need some added incentives. Committee member Peter Smith, himself confined to a wheel chair, plans to teach disco dancing. Bruce Karr, coach of the Chicago Sidewinders wheel chair basketball squad, was invited to teach ping pong.

The date has been set: 8 to 11 p.m. Friday at the Vogelei Barn, 650 W. Higgins Rd.

EDWARD HAAG, recreation superintendent, is waiting to see whether the handicapped will respond to the opportunity. He says he has no idea how many persons from outside Hoff-

man Estates will attend; he has no idea, he says, how many persons will attend at all.

"We know there're people out there," he says. "It's just difficult reaching them at times."

The center is geared toward reaching handicapped persons who otherwise have few social contacts, Smith says, but such persons are difficult to find because they have little social contact.

"We want to provide them a chance to get out of their homes into a social setting," Haag says. "It gives them a central location where they know they can get together and hopefully organize an active club."

"They don't have a place to go to meet each other, one on one."

BUT THE CENTER is going to be used for much more, he adds. Programming for handicapped individuals is just beginning to take shape in the Northwest suburbs, due mainly to a new special recreation tax permitted by the state.

In addition to designing the over-all structure for the drop-in center, participants will be asked for suggestions on other programs, Haag says.

There is no charge for the drop-in center. Haag suggests persons with transportation problems contact the special recreation association at 394-4948 or 394-4910. The get-togethers for persons age 16 and older will revolve around informal conversation, cards and table games in addition to the special events.



STATE OF ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SPRINGFIELD 62706

JAMES R. THOMPSON
GOVERNOR

July 19, 1977

Mr. Peter Smith (Region 2C)
402 Kingsdale
Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60172

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for serving on the Governor's Committee on the Handicapped. The work you did on behalf of the handicapped citizens of our State is greatly appreciated. The committee represents state government's ongoing concern for the handicapped of Illinois.

I have reviewed the Transition Task Force Report which you have presented to me. I agree with many of your recommendations, and to that extent have appointed a Technical Advisory Committee to examine the effectiveness of all state services delivered to the handicapped. This committee will also hold state wide public hearings which will provide all handicapped citizens the opportunity to participate in the decision making process.

I believe that through cooperation and citizen involvement, we can develop an overall state policy which will insure that handicapped individuals can lead healthy and productive lives.

Sincerely,

James R. Thompson
GOVERNOR

JRT:mf

PETER M. SMITH

20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY

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**ELECT PETE SMITH
FOR
PARK COMMISSIONER**

FOR A KINDER AND GENTLER PARK BOARD

Forest soccer?

Hoffman Estates park board candidate Peter M. Smith is recommending the park district explore the possibility of using Cook County Forest Preserve property to accommodate some games in the district's popular soccer program.

Park officials have sent an inquiry to forest preserve officials. Smith said using the land would "greatly eliminate the parking problem that will definitely happen if the soccer program is forced to use the neighborhood parks."

BRIEFS

HOFFMAN ESTATES

Soccer field response

A Hoffman Estates park board candidate's proposal to use Cook County Forest Preserve land for soccer fields is getting a mixed response from forest preserve and park officials. Park board hopeful Peter M. Smith, a former member of the Hoffman Estates zoning board of appeals, is proposing using forest preserves in the village to accommodate the park district soccer program.

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SECTION 5

Candidate: Move soccer program to parks

BY STEVE GORECKI
Daily Herald Staff Writer


A Hoffman Estates park board candidate's proposal to use Cook County Forest Preserve land for soccer fields is getting a mixed response from forest preserve and park officials.

Park board hopeful Peter M. Smith, a former member of the Hoffman Estates zoning board of appeals, is proposing to use forest preserves in the village to accommodate the park district soccer program.

The park and forest preserve district are considering the plan but have several concerns.

Smith made his recommendation in the wake of plans by Unocal Corp. to build a huge mall and office buildings on property it owns northeast of Golf and Meacham roads — land now used for soccer games.

Development of the Unocal land would displace the park soccer program, which through a unique agreement with the oil firm has been playing all its games at the site for sev-

ELECTION '89 

Race for park board

eral years.

The forest preserve idea, Smith said, would eliminate parking problems likely to occur if soccer games are transferred to neighborhood parks.

The forest preserve district appears willing to consider the request and suggests possible use of a large preserve it is now developing with picnic areas, play fields and a parking lot on the north side of Central Road between Huntington Boulevard and Ela Road.

"This area will have ample space for sports such as soccer, cross country and baseball," wrote forest preserve Operations Superintendent Anton Lichner in response to Smith's query.

Lichner wrote that forest preserve facilities can be used by soccer leagues if requirements regarding liability insurance and a maintenance agreement are met.

Parks Executive Director Edward B. Haag said the park district likely would have no problems accepting responsibility for liability insurance but does have other concerns about the proposal, namely parking capacity and turf condition.

"Will the parking lot be large enough? Will the turf be leveled and safe enough for competitive soccer play?" Haag said.

The park district needs access to soccer fields for 18 Sundays annually, nine during the spring and nine during the fall, Haag said.

"We'll look into it but we want to

make sure the safety concerns are considered," Haag said.

If the forest preserve idea is not feasible, Haag said, the park district's recently revised comprehensive plan already has alternative park sites earmarked for soccer games should Unocal begin development.

Parks slated for soccer fields include High Point, Cottonwood, Voegel and Victoria.

But Smith does not like that idea.

"I certainly feel using the forest preserve land is the only alternative that is reasonable and proper to pursue," Smith said. "Putting it into the neighborhood parks is a disaster waiting to happen. Parking would be a big problem."

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }
COOK COUNTY } SS.

To All Whom It May Concern:

I, STANLEY T. KUSPER, JR., County Clerk of the County of Cook, in the State aforesaid,

Do hereby Certify, that, on the 4TH *day of* APRIL *, A. D. 19* 89,

PETER M. SMITH, *was duly*

ELECTED PARK COMMISSIONER

HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT

FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS

all of which appears from the records and files of my office.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed

the Seal of said County, this 1ST *day of*

MAY *A. D. 19* 89:

Stanley T. Kusper, Jr.

COUNTY CLERK

Canvasses confirm village, park election results

By STEVE GORECKI
Daily Herald Staff Writer

Virginia M. Hayter may have run unopposed for Hoffman Estates village clerk, but the official canvass of election results shows familiar nemesis Betty J. Gloyd got one write-in vote — which didn't count.

Election results for the Hoffman Estates village and park board races were made official with canvasses that indicated no changes from the unofficial election night numbers.

Village Clerk Anne S. von Sothen said the canvass of all 39 Hoffman Estates precincts confirmed that 4,749 voters cast ballots in the April 4 election. That is 643 votes less than the 5,392 ballots cast in the heated 1985 mayoral race won by Gloyd

over then-incumbent Hayter.

The canvass also confirmed that Village President-elect Michael J. O'Malley outpolled Trustee Richard A. Cochran by a vote of 3,110 to 1,495 to become Gloyd's successor, beginning May 1.

Hayter, who ran unopposed for the first time in more than 20 years in politics, was the top vote-getter with 3,779 votes.

But Gloyd managed to get a write-in vote for clerk from Precinct 4, a Schaumburg Township precinct that includes the Parcel C area of the village. The same precinct also produced a write-in vote for clerk for Minnie Manthei, an employee in the clerk's office.

Neither write-in vote counts since neither individual had declared

write-in candidacies prior to the election.

The official results in the race for three four-year village trustee seats show the top vote-getter there was incumbent Bruce C. Lind with 3,214 followed by incumbent Susan H. Kenley with 3,085 and zoning board member Louis G. Desruisseaux with 2,703. Finishing out of the running were zoning board member Warren J. Wiwat with 1,624 votes and Republican-backed Joseph R. Kretz with 1,366 votes.

Swearing in ceremonies for O'Malley, Lind, Kenley, Desruisseaux and Hayter are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. April 29. The ceremonies tentatively are set to take place at the Greenspoint office building at Barrington and Higgins roads.

The canvass of the 42 precincts in the park board race for four four-year seats shows incumbent Eugene R. Killian the top vote-getter with 2,209.

Following Killian were incumbents Charles L. Lehr with 2,063 votes and Stephen Johnson with 2,061 and newcomer Peter M. Smith with 1,968.

Out of the running were Steve Ostermann with 1,799 votes and incumbent David Schechtman with 1,784 votes.

But both Ostermann and Schechtman said they plan to apply for a vacancy on the park board created by the move from Hoffman Estates of former Commissioner Thomas R. Street. The park board is expected to fill the vacancy by the end of May.

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May 5, 1989

Mr. Peter Smith
1575 Kingsdale Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60195

Dear Pete:

Your service to the Commission for Seniors and Disabled has helped maintain it as a successful, thriving entity in our Village. Your contributions have provided our Village with a source of great pride.

Now as you move onward and into other endeavors, Pete, you have left a part of yourself here, and we are very grateful. Good luck and God bless you in all your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Michael J. O'Malley
Mayor

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cc: Michael Friesen
Gerry Bartnicke
Karen Beyer
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Lorraine Diven

Peter M. Smith
1575 N. Kingsdale Road
Hoffman Estates, IL., 60194
February 9, 1989

Mr. Arthur Janura
General Superintendent
Cook County Forest Preserve District
536 N. Harlem Avenue
River Forest, IL., 60305

Dear Art:

I am a candidate for the Hoffman Estates Park Board. Please do not accept this as an official request from the Hoffman Estates Park District but only as a thought from a concerned citizen.

We have an outstanding soccer program that is servicing over one thousand people, both boys and girls. This program takes place on the soccer fields on the Unocal property at Golf and Meacham roads. Unocal is going to be developing their property and the soccer program must find a new home.

If the liability question which you raised during our telephone conversation can be resolved to your complete satisfaction, will the Forest Preserve please consider allowing this excellent program to use space in any of the groves surrounding Hoffman Estates.

If you think the Forest Preserve District will be able to assist the Park District in the above regard, please let me know and I will introduce this as a possible alternative for the Park District.

Sincerely, yours,


Peter M. Smith

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February 15, 1989

Mr. Arthur Janura
General Superintendent
Cook County Forest Preserve District
536 N. Harlem Avenue
River Forest, Ill. 60305

Dear Mr. Janura:

In response to Mr. Peter M. Smith's letter dated February 9, 1989, requesting the Forest Preserve District's assistance in securing soccer fields for the Hoffman Estates Park District, I would like to advise you more completely of our needs in this regard.

As Pete Smith mentioned, we do have a very strong program serving approximately 1,000 to 1,300 children and young adults of our community who participate in our soccer program. The space that we are presently using is at Unocal on Sundays. That property comprises approximately 15 acres, on which we set up eleven soccer fields adjacent to each other. The question of liability insurance would be of prime concern to our risk management association as it would be to the Forest Preserve District.

Of additional concern, is that the area needed has to accommodate twelve soccer fields adjacent to each other. We would need to have those fields available all day every Sunday beginning in late April to the end of June and again in September through the first week in November. In addition we would need them for several weekends in July for special tournaments.

In checking with your permit department they advised me that virtually all the groves have been reserved through permits for the upcoming year for the dates mentioned, and that under no circumstances would that type of space be presently available. Another concern we would like you to consider is the quality of turf on any property you may have available. The caliber of turf in the forest preserve while generally acceptable for informal activities, I am not sure that it would constitute the caliber of turf necessary to play competitive organized soccer without the likelihood of injury. If you have an area available, but in need of turf upgrading, perhaps we could explore a joint effort to upgrade it in exchange for our use.

Please take these points into consideration when you respond to Mr. Smith, and by all means if there is any area available as I have outlined, I would be more than happy to sit down with the Forest Preserve District and work out any permit details in the event that we lose the use of the Unocal property.

Obviously, it would be to our advantage to keep our playing in one location on one day like it is held now, as opposed to our bringing it into our own park system and

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Arthur Janura

splitting the program up on a series of different days at a series of different parks within Hoffman Estates.

I hope this clarifies any questions you may have had with regard to Mr. Smith's letter and with regard to the total scope of this request. If you should have any questions or need any further information, I would be more than happy to discuss this with you.

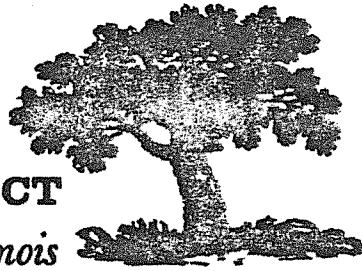
Sincerely,

Edward Haag
Executive Director

cc: Gene Killian, Park Board President
Peter M. Smith, 1575 N. Kingsdale Rd., Hoffman Estates, Il. 60194

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Arthur L. Janura, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

March 15, 1989

Peter M. Smith
1575 N. Kingsdale Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60194

Dear Mr. Smith:

Your letter to Arthur L. Janura, General Superintendent, as a concerned citizen for the Hoffman Estates Park District Soccer Program has been forwarded to the Department of Maintenance & Operations for reply.

The Forest Preserve District does permit the use of its facilities for soccer play providing certain conditions are met.

In order to have a better understanding of your request, it is suggested you contact the undersigned for an appointment to discuss your request. A meeting with District staff members will clarify the District's position. Among other things, the District will require liability insurance and a maintenance agreement which will be discussed at our meeting.

The District is presently developing a large tract of land with picnic areas, playfields and a parking lot on the North side of Central Road between Freeman and Ela Roads. This area will have ample space for sports such as soccer, cross country, baseball and etc.

This office trusts this information is satisfactory and will be awaiting your call.

Very truly yours,

Anton Lichner
Supt. of Maintenance & Operations

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cc: Arthur L. Janura

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July 19, 1989

Mr. Arthur Janura, General Superintendent
Cook County Forest Preserve District
536 N. Harlem Avenue
River Forest, IL 60305

Dear Mr. Janura,

I am writing on behalf of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners to request your assistance in a joint project to develop a portion of the Paul Douglas Preserve for soccer play.

Our in-house soccer program, comprised of approximately 1,500 players, currently plays its games on the grounds of Unocal in Schaumburg. In the near future that property will be sold and developed, necessitating our relocation to another site.

We have walked the 40 acres at the Paul Douglas Preserve just to the west of the existing parking lot and determined that, with some regrading, all 10 of our fields will fit. The turf does need extensive top dressing and seeding to be playable for soccer.

Our other major concern is parking space. On a Sunday at Unocal we use as many as 500 parking spaces. We average 300 cars for a single set of games.

Basically, we are proposing that the Hoffman Estates Park District would develop that portion of the Paul Douglas Preserve for soccer play. We would grade, topdress, seed and establish turf at an estimated cost to us of \$28,000. In return, we would request your assistance in helping with the parking situation. We would also request some type of long term use permit for Saturday and Sunday games and two or three weeknights of practice. On the other days the fields would be available for use by the general public.

We would indemnify and hold harmless the Cook County Forest Preserve District and provide liability insurance coverage in the amount of 3 million dollars per occurrence. We would propose to start the turf work as soon as possible with the hope of having the fields ready for play in the fall of 1990. Once the turf is established, the issue of who would maintain it remains open for discussion.

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I would respectfully suggest that this would be a good project for the Cook County Forest Preserve District to consider for several reasons. Not only would the preserve be developed as an open athletic area, but there would also be a tremendous opportunity for positive public relations. Our teams are comprised of close to 2,000 boys and girls, men and women from ages 4 to 54. Our travel team plays home games against as many as 3,000 other players from 40 different communities throughout the Chicago area. Our two annual travel tournaments involve close to 150 teams from a dozen states and even, on occasion, Canada and Europe. The public relations exposure -- by word of mouth, in all the printed literature, and in the media -- would be invaluable to the forest preserve district in publicizing the worth of what they are doing. Also, the taxpayers are becoming more and more appreciative of the benefits of intergovernmental cooperation.

Thank you for your consideration. Also, thanks are due Anton Lichner and Joe Nevius for the time they spent with our staff in discussing this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Beers
President, Park Board of Commissioners

cc: Park Board
Edward Haag

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Northwest briefing

Condos give disabled their independence

■ **Palatine:** Finding affordable housing is a challenge for many people and almost an impossibility for the physically handicapped.

Living life in a wheelchair often causes problems when standard doorways and hallways are not wide enough to navigate. But Peter Smith, a 56-year-old Hoffman Estates resident with multiple sclerosis, said that he believes he has found an answer to the access problem that is putting a financial strain on disabled individuals.

"A lot of the new homes that are being built are accessible, but a lot of disabled can't afford [to buy] them because they're on disability," he said.

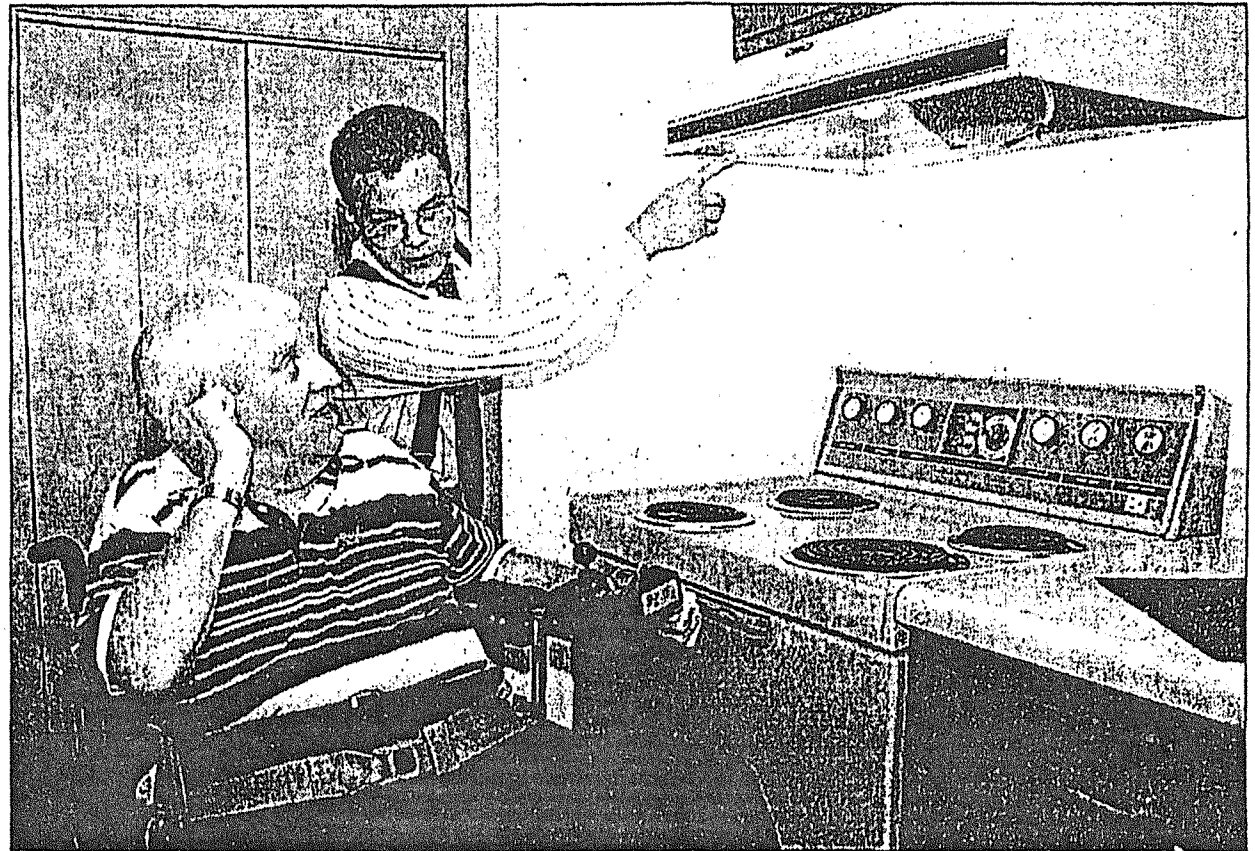
As president of the Northwest Independent Living Group founded last year, Smith and a team of architects, attorneys, contractors and administrative staff have purchased six condominium units at One Renaissance Place, a 17-year-old high-rise in Palatine, with the assistance of Cook County, First Chicago Bank and donations from the community.

The condos will be completely renovated within the next few months to accommodate wheelchair-using individuals who can remain independent in their new surroundings after a few special adjustments have been made.

"Specifically, we're going to widen every doorway to 3 feet, and we're going to rip out the bathtubs and install roll-in showers that will be large enough for a wheelchair," said contractor Todd Young of The Young Cos.

In addition, kitchen cabinets will be lowered, kitchen sinks will be open underneath and raised or lowered and side-by-side refrigerators will be installed for easy access.

All the adjustments, which are expected to cost



Tribune photo by H.T. Vu

Contractor Todd Young tells Peter Smith how kitchen appliances will be adapted.

\$300,000, will make life a lot easier for the disabled residents, although a paid staff of attendants will be available to help with more difficult tasks.

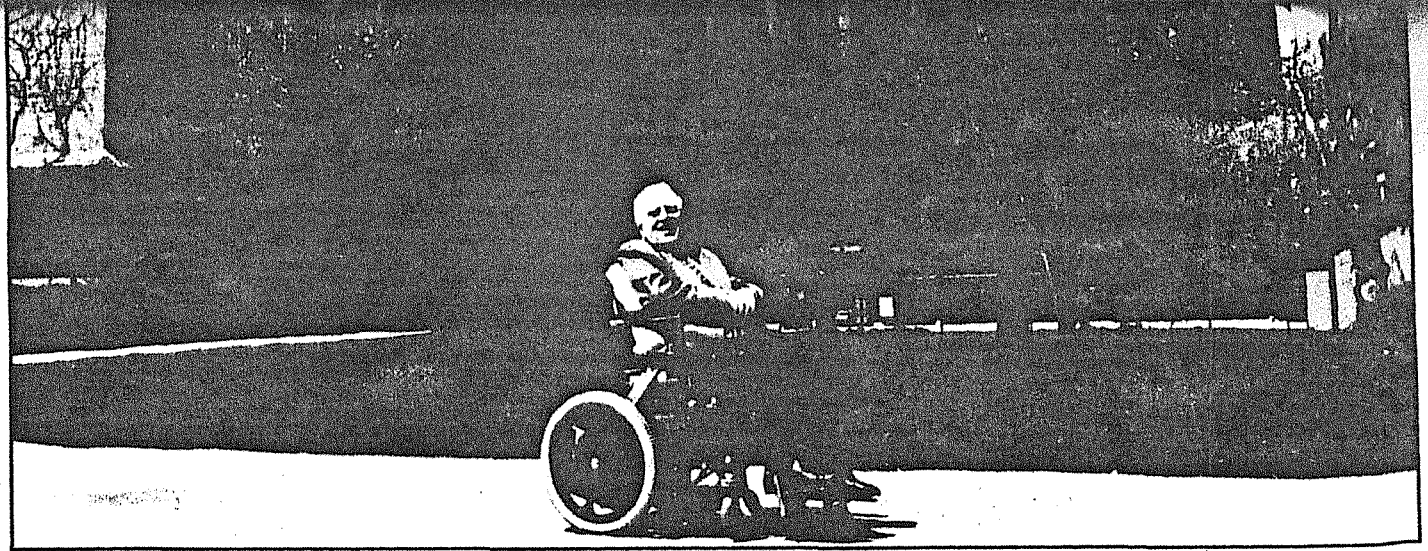
"What we're trying to do is make our folks taxpayers instead of tax-takers and make them con-

tributing members of the community," Smith said.

The 800- to 1,000-square-foot units will be offered to low-income, physically handicapped but mentally able applicants.

Stefanie Cascio

Nonprofit Takes Initiative RTC and HUD Link To Serve Disabled



Rarin' to go: Peter Smith, president of the Northwest Independent Living Group, Inc., in front of the Palatine, IL, complex where his nonprofit bought six RTC units for disabled tenants.

From his wheelchair Peter Smith pulls no punches. "We do not want to be just in a warehouse waiting to pass on," Smith told the RTC Oversight Board's regional advisory meeting in Chicago on April 29, 1993. The Northwest Independent Living Group, Inc., founded this year by Smith, its president, closed sale August 24, 1993, on six RTC units in a 13-story complex of 272 units in Palatine, IL, a northwest suburb of the Windy City. Six physically disabled tenants are the beneficiaries.

This is at least the third time RTC under its affordable housing program has sold apartment units to a nonprofit organization dedicated to integrated living for the disabled with the nondisabled. In 1991-1992, with the help of the Robert Johnson Wood Foundation, the Austin (TX) Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center bought two RTC multifamily properties totaling 46 units and a duplex for \$464,000 to provide integrated living for the mentally ill. In 1991, the Atlantis Community in Denver, CO, purchased the 31 unit New Heritage apartments,

spending \$400,000 to retrofit and rehab the building for disabled tenants.

With its inaugural project, Northwest Independent Living will be doing the same with the Palatine units, which cost \$225,000 (76 percent of appraised value), by adding \$90,000 in rehabilitation for such things as larger doors, lower sinks and counters, and roll-in showers. Forty-eight percent of the acquisition, rehab, and "soft" costs (\$165,000) was made possible by a grant from the HUD HOME program, dispersed through Cook County; 52 percent of costs were covered by a conventional loan by First Chicago Bank, Mt. Prospect branch (\$180,000).

In-kind donations or discounts for appliances have helped defray rehab expenses. The Balspar Corporation, in addition to donating all paint products, put Northwest Independent Living on its employees' charitable donation list. Smith persuaded a local contractor, The Young Companies, to work at cost. In such a way, Smith told the Oversight Board, costs could be brought under Cook

County's \$45,000 limit per unit for its HOME program.

In addition to the building itself, Northwest Independent Living is bringing in affordable attendant services for the disabled tenants. Smith believes integrated living with those who are "well" is the wave of the future. One in every five people in the United States has some disability, and over 300,000 suffer from permanent paralysis due to spinal cord or brain injuries. Yet only \$1 billion of the \$200 billion spent on the disabled's health care goes to moving them into the mainstream of society.

According to Wendy Weiser, Northwest Independent's executive director, working with potential tenants at the Palatine property is "both uplifting and heartbreaking, because there are so many disabled people who want such a place to live and we only have six units. No one wants to live in a wheelchair ghetto, but the world is an able-bodied world. To the lucky ones who get the units, it gives them a life they didn't have

before--literally more hours in the day. There are health care cost savings involved, as well, with attendants on the property." Northwest Independent Living would like to see up to 5 percent of apartment building units retrofitted for the disabled.

Cook County saw the project as a breakthrough--the first time it used its HOME funds for disabled housing. Suzanne Hayes, assistant planning and development director for the Cook County Planning and Development Department, credits Peter Smith with "the drive and determination to do it." Hayes said, "We thought this was a really great opportunity to meet the need and participate with RTC, HUD and the private lender to help the disabled feel more a part of the community."


Kris Van Dort, real estate specialist with Verex (the SAMDA contractor for the property) noted, "We didn't even need a realtor--it was a very expeditious project with an articulate and well-run nonprofit."

SMITH

Peter M. Smith Jr., 58, of Palatine, formerly of Hoffman Estates for 28 years, beloved husband of Rosemary S., nee Verdoni; father of Donna (John) Kelly, Robert (Dianne), Susan (Tim) O'Sullivan and Patrick (Bridget); grandfather of Britney, Megan, Ryan, Rachael, Patrick, Taylor and Claire; brother of the late Alfred. Visitation at **Ahlgim & Sons Funeral Home**, 330 W. Golf Rd., Schaumburg, from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday. Funeral Saturday 9 a.m. to St. Hubert Church, Mass 9:30 a.m. Interment St. Michael Cemetery. Memorials will be appreciated to the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Info. 708-882-5580.

Daily Herald Thursday, August 3, 1995

Peter M. Smith Jr.

 Prayers for Peter M. Smith Jr., 58, of Palatine, and formerly a resident of Hoffman Estates for 28 years, will be said at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5 at Ahlgim & Sons Funeral Home, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Mass will follow at 9:30 a.m. at St. Hubert Church, 729 Grand Canyon Pkwy., Hoffman Estates.

He was born Oct. 8, 1936, in Chicago.

Burial will be in St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery, Palatine. He died Wednesday, Aug. 2 in Elk Grove Village.

Mr. Smith was a salesman in air freight.

He was an elected Hoffman Estates park commissioner, formerly of the Hoffman Estates Zoning Board, founder and president of the Northwest Independent Living Group and was instrumental in advancing the rights of the handicapped. He was also on the Presidents and Governors Committee of the employment of the handicapped.

Survivors include his wife Rosemary S. Smith (nee Verdoni); his sons Robert (Dianne) and Patrick (Bridget); his daughters Donna (John) Kelly and Susan (Tim) O'Sullivan, and his grandchildren Britney, Megan, Ryan, Rachael, Patrick, Taylor and Claire.

He was preceded in death by his brother Alfred.

Visitation will be from 2 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4 at the funeral home.

Memorials will be appreciated to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

For information (708) 882-5580.

MEMORANDUM NO. M16-002

TO: Buildings & Grounds Committee
FROM: Dean R. Bostrom, Executive Director
John Giacalone, Director Parks & Risk Management
RE: Parks Board Report
DATE: January 6, 2016

- All outdoor facilities have been winterized which includes restrooms, drinking fountains, splash pads, and decorative fountains. All irrigation systems shut down and the Thorgard Lightning Prediction System deactivated.
- Controlled burns have started but with moist windy conditions we are having limited success. When the weather does get more favorable we will burn 22 sites with our in-house fire team and we will contract out three sites.
- In 2015 we removed 149 ash trees with the remaining 54 ash trees scheduled for removal in 2016 overall. So far we have removed 445 ash trees throughout the district.
- Several nightshifts at PSSWC were necessary to locate the last underground whirlpool leak. Deck repairs completed after fixing the leak. This is the third time over the years that this whirlpool has had underground leak problems.
- For under \$500 the mechanics team has retrofitted an old Z-turn mower into an infield groomer which thus far shows promise in doing a good job of grooming the ball fields. If this proves to be successful, the district could stop purchasing infield groomers which cost \$21,000 each in today's prices.
- The goals on the soccer game fields have been repaired and covered with a turf blanket. All soccer goals have been moved off the fields in an effort to minimize unauthorized practices which can result in sub-standard game fields in the spring.
- The port-a-let enclosure is completed at Chestnut Park. We added additional landscaping on the north side as some residents could still see the door of the unit. We will also add an additional wooden screen wall for the same reason.
- The latest snow event taxed equipment due to the extremely heavy nature of the wet snow and slush. All parking lot drains have been cleared of debris and ice and all lots and walkways cleared as of Dec 30, 2015.

**HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT
PARKS DIVISION**

Report Date: January 2016

Key: C = Complete / SC = Substantially Complete / IP = In Progress / NB= Not Begun / NA = Not Accomplished

DISTRICT GOAL 1: PROVIDE HEALTHY AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCES FOR ALL PEOPLE

District Initiative 2: Achieve customer satisfaction and loyalty

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Seascape rebuild pumps #1 & #3	Complete by end of 4 th quarter	C	Pumps are installed and running
TC repair roof at connection point to old section	Complete by end of 4 th quarter	NB	In-house repairs were made in late 2014 and the results have been monitored with very few problems observed thus far in 2015
Repair TC HVAC system by adding Trane Tracer DDC to integrate HVAC systems and replace IGV with VFD on TC AHUs.	Complete by end of 4 th quarter	C	Contracted Project is 100% complete

District Initiative 3: Connect and engage our community

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Environmental public awareness	Provide useful public landscaping information through the park perspective and web site	C	Information is on the website and reoccurring on Facebook and Park Perspective
Community volunteer opportunities	Conduct a volunteer garlic mustard removal event, a teasel removal event, a wood chip spreading event & a wild flower seed collection event w/community participation	C	All four volunteer opportunities have been completed

DISTRICT GOAL 2: DELIVER FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

District Initiative 1: Achieve annual and long range financial plans

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Administrate the Parks Division budget	Meet 100% of the timelines established by the finance division	C	Budget has been approved
Monitor budget to ensure expenses do not exceed budget and are in line with	Meet or exceed budget bottom line.	C	Budget projections have been met

revenue projections and revenues are meeting financial goals and objectives.			
Parks division budget	Produce and stay within a balanced budget	C	Balanced budget has been achieved
Develop the Parks and Risk Mgt sections of the 2016 CMP	Complete by the district's adopted schedule	C	Items have been approved
(3) 2009 Toro Z-turn mowers	Complete by end of 2nd quarter	C	Mowers have arrived
Vehicle 507 – 1989 Chevy Crew Cab	Complete by end of 2nd quarter	C	Vehicle has arrived

District Initiative 3: Utilize our resources effectively and efficiently

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
All district storage- install heat detectors	Complete by end of 4 th quarter	NB	Although recommended by PDRMA the village fire marshal does not want our current system altered or modified and feels what we have gives us good protection PROJECT CANCELED
BPC golf maintenance – install heat detectors	Complete by end of 4 th quarter	NB	Although recommended by PDRMA the village fire marshal does not want our current system altered or modified and feels what we have gives us good protection PROJECT CANCELED
Parks maintenance vehicle storage – install heat detectors	Complete by end of 4 th quarter	NB	Although recommended by PDRMA the village fire marshal does not want our current system altered or modified and feels what we have gives us good protection PROJECT CANCELED

DISTRICT GOAL 3: ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

District Initiative 1: Create and sustain quality parks, facilities, programs and services

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Enhance high visibility natural areas by adding additional wild flower seeds	Complete by end of 4 th quarter	C	Seeding is completed
Enhance natural areas by controlling invasive plants/weeds	Complete by end of 4 th quarter	C	Currently less than 5% invasive plants around the lakeshores
Purchase and plant trees, shrubs, and flowers throughout district	Complete by end of 4 th quarter	C	All trees have been planted

District Initiative 3: Advance environmental and safety awareness

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Retro fit existing facilities with Green/Energy efficient solutions with primary focus on lighting	Complete by end of 4 th quarter	NB	With the suspension of the state funded green initiative rebates projects have been suspended.
Maintain Park Division's compliance with IPRA Environmental Report Card	Complete by end of 4 th quarter	C	Reviewed compliance of report card in September 2015

DISTRICT GOAL 4: PROMOTE QUALITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES

District Initiative 1: Develop leadership that ensures work force readiness

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Train and document 100% of all staff on job specific and mandatory training within the Park's division	Within one month of their employment start	C	All staff has been trained

District Initiative 2: Build organization culture based on I-2 CARE Values

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Regularly enforce the I-2 CARE values	Complete by the end of the 2 nd quarter	C	Reinforced through division staff meetings

District Initiative 3: Promote continuous learning and encourage innovative thinking

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Instruct & train members of the training committee on district wide trainings	Complete by end of March	C	Completed in January

MEMORANDUM NO. M16-001

TO: Building and Grounds Committee
FROM: Dean R. Bostrom, Executive Director
Gary Buczkowski, Director of Planning and Development
RE: January Board Report
DATE: January 5, 2016

1. **Overview**

December is typically when certain aspects of the District begin to wind down for the calendar year. Not the case when it comes to planning and development; December is the start of the new construction season. Timing is critical to being first out of the blocks, especially when you're working in park landscape and cost is a major consideration. Contractors are extremely eager to get things underway after a long winter and they often price their work accordingly. With this in mind, bids need to be awarded prior to the seasonal change. This requires the process to begin 75-90 days prior to the contract presentation and ultimate work that occurs in late March.

December –January	<i>Supply of Playground equipment</i>
February –March	<i>Installation of the supplied equipment</i>

In an effort to shorten the duration of the bid process, the two projects could be combined and bid as one, however, the administrative financial and overhead cost would increase the project total by 7-10% with only minimal benefit to timing and overall project risk.

2. **HEPD Playgrounds 2016 Performance**

Designs for Canterbury and Sheffield Park were completed and released for bid in early December. To date, three different vendors have submitted designs that staff has validated as being similar in scope and play value. It is anticipated that another 3-4 vendors will submit plans for approval in the next two weeks. At that point, each of the approved vendors will submit a bid whereby low bid price will be the determining factor in selecting the supplier.

3. **Triphahn North end renovation study and off-ice training facility architectural study**

HEPD staff, along with Williams Architect staff, are nearing completion of the feasibility studies on both of these projects. Paramount to moving forward is the ability to generate program revenue that will ultimately pay back or pay forward a portion of the capital development costs necessary for development of both of these projects. Recreation staff will be presenting the needs analysis prior to the presentation of the architectural options. This will allow for tailoring of the

design prior to the architectural presentation based on the programming R.O.I. Actual construction funds for either or both of these projects have not yet been identified and would have to be positioned based on the district's other capital needs.

4. Park Rules signs

Staff has completed design work on new park and playground rules signs. These new signs will utilize graphic icons to communicate the message of what is allowed and what is not allowed in our parks. In addition to the signs with icons, a means to connect to the district website will be posted on each sign. Once at the website, an explanation of each of the rules will be available. Eventually an explanation in multiple languages will be part of this link. Plans call for the installation of 155 new park rules signs and 47 playground rules signs. This project will take 3-4 years to complete with \$20,000 budgeted in 2016.

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Report Date: January 2016

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DISTRICT GOAL 1: PROVIDE HEALTHY AND ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCES FOR ALL PEOPLE

District Initiative 1: Offer healthy and enjoyable experiences that promote equal access

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Patch and repair districts parking lots and walkways in accordance to minimum safety and ADA standards.	By December 1, 2015	C	Projects have been designed /bid / awarded and are under contract for construction. Completed in early June. Concrete walks adjacent to parking lots will be raised and leveled to meet ADA requirement during the month of October. This additional work is being done to minimize replacement costs. Any areas not corrected by this process will be removed and replaced as part of the 2016 ADA work. All work completed
Design and implement corrective solutions for ADA issues listed in the District's ADA Assessment Plan	By December 31, 2015	C	Design work completed and is currently under contract for work necessary to address ADA issues at Triphahn north and south entrances and also walkway crossings at Willow Rec aprons. Staff is currently correcting issues with Fabbrini restrooms; both men and women. Paths and floating dock completed at Fabbrini. Pricing is now underway for concrete slab raising and crack filling. Completed in July and August.
Develop conceptual plans for the renovation and improvement of Chino Park	By November 2015	C	Planning staff has not received any direction from programming staff as to programing needs. Based on a district needs analysis, Recreation department is evaluating the concept of Chino being developed to facilitate and encourage

			<p>youth to participate in physical fun activities. Planning and Development staff has prepared a proposal titled “Challenge U Hoffman”. The proposal involves a programming initiative that if accepted will utilize newly constructed facilities to be located in Chino park. This proposal is currently being reviewed by the Executive Director and administrative leadership. Cost implications of this new program pose the greatest hurdle. It was determined that the district does not have the necessary staff to move forward with the development of programming necessary to implement this concept. Without the necessary staffing resources, the overall project viability is minimal. Recreation and maintenance staff are currently looking into the viability of turning Chino Park into a community Garden site.</p>
Develop conceptual plans for construction of a North Side Splash Pad Park	By November 2015	IP	<p>Conceptual costing has been completed however the project has been put on hold until more is known at the potential cost commitment for upgrades to Chino Park and Triphahn Active Adults Center. Also impacting progress on the project is the uncertainty with the State’s financial situation and the potential of a tax freeze on districts such as HEPD. If that were to happen, the district might need to re-evaluate the need for new projects vs. the need to maintain what we already have.</p>
Analyze existing space utilization via in house staff study at the Triphahn Center and identify possible means to expand space to accommodate future active adult program needs.	By December 31, 2015	IP	<p>Planning staff has received a list of programming needs from Recreation that would utilize existing building square footage on the north side of the building.</p>

			<p>Additional information regarding programming limits and overlapping uses is being formulated. Once that information is in hand, Planning staff will secure an architect proposal for conceptual design work and costing. That proposal will be presented to the committees and board. Williams Architects has been chosen to prepare drawings and cost estimates to address programming needs in the study area. A budget of not to exceed \$600K including design consulting was established for the project. This money will be requested as part of the 2016 capital improvement plan list. Work on the project would begin in late Spring of 2016 and completed by the end of fall 2016.</p> <p>Williams Architects were scheduled to present their recommendations at the February B&G meeting. However it was determined that Recreation staff needed to present their programming requests first prior to the architectural solutions presentation. Once the board has approved the programming requests Williams will present their findings.</p>
Repair/repave and upgrade High Point pathway system	By September 2015	C	Projects have been designed /bid / awarded and are under contract for construction. Paths were completed in early June. Final grading and seeding of edges is being accomplished by the maintenance department.
Develop ideas to better communicate park rules and Communication of park programs and healthy life styles	By October 2015	C	Two proto type concepts have been developed and are being tested outdoors. The Rules signs have been design and prototypes have been constructed and will be tested for effectiveness. prior to the end of the year. Based on results of

			this testing (a public survey) monies will be requested as part of the 2016 capital budget to begin implementation of the new sign designs. All art work was completed and mock ups were constructed and are currently being tested in the field. Construction and installation of part of the inventory will take place in the spring and summer of 2016.
Develop and initiate a pilot test project to communicate through QR codes district programs and offerings including healthy lifestyles information. Test to run 4 months	Completed by September 2015	C	Signs and programs developed and are now in the field for public use. Testing results produced less than had been expected.

District Initiative 3: Connect and engage our community

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Proragis – Coordinate and maintain all district current statistical data as required by Proragis.	By December 31, 2015	C	85% of 2014 HEPD data has been submitted to Proragis.

DISTRICT GOAL 2: DELIVER FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

District Initiative 1: Achieve annual and long range financial plans

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Develop and administer the Planning and Development division budget and meet all time lines established by the Finance Division	By end of 4 th quarter	C	Paving, concrete, courts repair, playground renovations Fabbrini pathway projects are currently under contract according to the yearly capital improvement schedule.
Complete all capital projects within budget	By end of 4 th quarter	C	All capital projects were completed with a saving of \$101,609.
Monitor budget to ensure expenses do not exceed budget and are in line with revenue projections and revenues are meeting financial goals and objectives.	Meet or exceed budget bottom line.	C	All 2015 Capital projects are under contract and under budget by \$101,609.

District Initiative 3: Utilize our resources effectively and efficiently

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Coordinate construction of hotel at BPC	Contingent on partnership & agreement	NB	Possible developers have not come forward at this point.
Maintain IPRA’s Environmental Report Card	By end of 4 th quarter		All of the construction contracts involve

		C	contractors who have documented environmental initiatives within their company operations. The distribution of old playground mulch to the public was well received and provided an environmental benefit. Staff is currently looking for a more environmental solution for reuse of the Victoria playground and fall surface. This would benefit the environment by reducing trucking and landfill requirement.
Research and evaluate the benefits of GIS technology as it applies to HEPD. Develop potential capital investment and continued operational costs so as to determine return on investment	By end of 3 rd quarter	C	Staff has met with software vendor. Report was prepared and is now being reviewed by the Administrative Staff/ Directors. A proposal has been accepted by the administrative team and funding will be requested as part of the 2016 capital requests

DISTRICT GOAL 3: ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

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Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Implement CMP capital improvements listed for the calendar year 2015	By end of 4 th quarter	C	All 2015 capital projects are now under contract.
Replace Valley, Evergreen and Maple Park Playground	By June 2015	C	Under contract; awaiting favorable weather conditions to begin construction. Valley and Maple completed except for seeding and installation of bench and bike rack at Valley which is to be done by maintenance staff. All projects are complete.
Upgrade and make ADA improvements to High Point Restroom	By September 2015	C	Under contract; awaiting favorable weather conditions to begin construction. Project completed by in-house maintenance staff.
Repair and/or re-coat tennis courts	By August 2015	C	Under contract; awaiting favorable weather conditions to begin construction. All courts completed by Aug 1st

Patch and/or sealcoat parking lots at WRC, TC, Parks Maintenance, Vogelei, Cottonwood Park	By August 2015	C	Under contract; awaiting favorable weather conditions to begin construction. Project completed in June.
Shoe Factory to Prairie Stone Bike Trail coordinate with Village /Cook Country Forest Preserve/IDOT/ IL Tollway	Ongoing, anticipated completion fall of 2016	IP	The Federal Government and IDOT are currently reviewing the proposed plans developed by the consultants. CNN Railroad is the hold-up on approval of the plans for the use of their R.O.W.

DISTRICT GOAL 4: PROMOTE QUALITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICES

District Initiative 3: Promote continuous learning and encourage innovative thinking

Division Objectives:	Measures:	Status	Achievement Level/Comments
Attend National Conference	October 2015	C	Planning staff attended 18 hrs. (17.91) of educational sessions at NRPA.
Attend Webinar Training P&D	December 2015	C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 ILCC Conference Schaumburg 3 days 2/25-27 • Water Odyssey March 31
Attend CPSI CEU Playground Training	June 2015	C	Scheduled for April 20, 21 & 22 Completed and passed certification test.