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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