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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.

AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1041
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2019
7:00p.m.

1. ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. AWARDS:
 - A. Best of Hoffman
 - i. Scout Pack 297 Lions & Webelos
 - B. Service Awards
 - i. Commissioner Mike Bickham
 - ii. Community Rep Raffi Dekirmenjian
 - iii. Service pins
 - iv. Certificates of Election
5. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE
6. RECESS FOR A&F COMMITTEE MEETING
7. RECONVENE FOLLOWING A&F COMMITTEE MEETING
8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (attached)
 - A. Regular Board Meeting Minutes 4/23/2019
9. CONSENT AGENDA ([Click here to access all Board & Committee Packets](#))
 - A. Fabbrini fitness park (see May Rec packet)
 - B. Custodial position (see May Rec packet)
 - C. 1Q Balanced Scorecard (see all May packets)
 - D. CMP Exec Summaries, Accomplishments, 5 year projects, unfunded projects (see May FPC packet)
 - E. 2018 Audit (see May A&F packet)
 - F. Bond Refunding Options (see May A&F packet)
 - G. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$1,388,873.70 (see May A&F packet)
 - H. Revenue and Expenditure Report (see May A&F packet)
 - I. Acceptance of Rec Minutes 3/19/2019 (see May Rec packet)
 - J. Acceptance of FPC Minutes 4/16/2019 (see May FPC packet)
 - K. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 4/23/2019 (see May A&F packet)

10. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
11. ADOPTION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
12. OLD BUSINESS
13. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Commissioner Vacated Term / M19-054
 - B. Official renaming of Bergman Pointe Park / M19-056
14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
15. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - A. Minutes, pursuant to Section 2(C)(21) of the Open Meetings Act
 - 4/23/2019
 - B. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.
16. Potential discussion and possible vote on matters regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of an employee, pursuant to section 2(c)(1) of the open meetings act.
17. ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1040
April 23, 2019**

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on April 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: President Kaplan; Commissioners K. Evans, R. Evans, Kilbridge, Kinnane, and McGinn

Absent: Commissioner Bickham

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Finance and Administration Hopkins, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Parks, Planning and Maintenance Hugen, Director of Golf and Facilities Bechtold

Audience: Comm Reps Utas, Wilson, Musial and Chhatwani; MacArthur Environmental Club and their families and teachers, Kyle Wozny and his family; Sue Hupfel

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Awards:

A. Best of Hoffman:

President Kaplan recognized the MacArthur Environmental Club for their work creating a Monarch Butterfly garden outside of MacArthur School. He thanked their administration and the club for their support of the project. A video showing the planting of the garden was shown and all recipients received tee shirts and Seascape passes.

B. Employees of the 1st Quarter:

- PT: Accounting Clerk Sue Hupfel was awarded for her continued support of the Accounting Department in her part time position
- FT: GIS/Park Services Admin Kyle Wozny was awarded for his work with the GIS system in tracking all district assets and the assistance with the OSLAD Grant.

5. Comments from the Audience:

None

6. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to recess the Board meeting at 7:18 p.m. for the purpose of beginning the A&F Committee. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner R. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner K. Evans to reconvene the Regular Board No. 1040 at 8:08 p.m.

On a Roll Call: 6-0-1
Ayes: 6 K. Evans, R. Evans, Kilbridge, Kinnane, McGinn, Kaplan
Nays: 0
Absent: 1 Bickham

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Director of Finance and Administration Hopkins, Director of Recreation Kapusinski, Director of Parks, Planning and Maintenance Hugen, Director of Golf and Facilities Bechtold

Audience: None

8. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner K. Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kilbridge to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of 3/26/19 and the Special Board Meeting of 3/12/19 meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

9. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. South Ridge Park (OSLAD) Engineering & Consulting Services / M19-040
- B. South Ridge Park Playground Equipment / M19-043
- C. Highland Park Playground / M19-044
- D. LED Lighting at Triphahn Center & Willow Rec / M19-041
- E. 2020 CMP: Objectives and SWOT Analysis / M19-045
- F. Playground Installation at Willow and Community Parks / M19-039
- G. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$622,891.13 (see April A&F packet)
- H. Revenue and Expenditure Report (see April A&F packet)
- I. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 3/19/2019 (see April B&G packet)
- J. Acceptance of FPC Minutes 2/19/2019 (see April FPC packet)
- K. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 3/26/2019 (see April A&F packet)

On a Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes: 6 K. Evans, R. Evans, Kilbridge, Kinnane, McGinn, Kaplan

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Bickham

10. President's Report:

President Kaplan noted that he would like to see BPC offer more dining opportunities like the Fish Fry. Director Bechtold said staff was working on it but having the league participants in the bar during the season made for a noisier dinner hour.

He reminded everyone of the Johnson Field dedication on May 4th; that the ice rink renovation was on target; and he heard the Easter Brunch was good. He also noted that the Oak Park Park District had removed their Big 10 meter diving slide due to safety issues.

He reminded everyone that the Foundation's SRT Golf Outing was June 5th and that the Hide-Away Beer Garden was getting ready to open.

11. Executive Director's Report:

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

12. Old Business:

None

13. New Business:

None

14. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Kinnane acknowledged Beth Zimmer from The Club as doing an excellent job and being very nice.

Commissioner McGinn acknowledged Director Kapusinski and Program Manager Dodson on the great work with the Egg Hunts. He also acknowledged Director Hugen and his staff on their efforts with the Monarch Butterfly Garden at MacArthur.

Commissioner Kilbridge asked if staff might find an alternative to the Egg Hunts as there was always too much parent interference and hurt feelings. Executive Director Talsma noted that the Aqua Hunts had less interference. Director Kapusinski noted that only the 0-3 allowed for parents to participate.

Commissioner R. Evans noted that he saw many new faces at the Fish Fry and hoped it would carry over to district events. Director Bechtold noted that he felt the district was reaching more participants through their electronic media.

President Kaplan noted that the staff was very attentive at BPC to all participants.

15. Executive Session:

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner R. Evans to move to Executive Session at 8:20 pm for the purpose of:

- A. Minutes pursuant to Section 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act.
- B. Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

On A Roll Call: Carried 6-0-1

Ayes: 6 K. Evans, R. Evans, Kilbridge, Kinnane, McGinn, Kaplan

Nays: 0

Absent: 1 Bickham

Commissioner Kilbridge made a motion, seconded by Commissioner K. Evans to reconvene to regular session at 8:55 pm. Motion carried by voice vote.

16. Vote from Executive Session:

None

17. Adjournment:

Commissioner Kinnane made a motion, seconded by Commissioner K. Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Peg Kusmierski
Recording Secretary

**HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1041**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

May 2019

PARKS DIVISION

1. Administration & Planning

The Ice Rink project moved along nicely in the month of April. All of the removal of material was completed on Monday the 15th and on the 18th the rink was setup with the heating system. Currently it is 180 degrees under the matting system and the last report showed all soils just above the freezing point. Once all soil is at the temperature that the contractor and consultant are comfortable with the heating system is removed and the drying process starts. The drying process is two weeks long and during that time the new heat pipe lines will be installed on both rinks.

The TC North Roof project was off to a great start and then Mother Nature had other plans. The contractor has now missed eight days of work due to weather and pushed the project back a little. Our contract does not have an incentive based finished date as our largest concern is quality over time. The contractor ran into some issues with the wall that surrounds the flat roof as the interior of the wall had a metal layer on the interior from original construction that was not anticipated. The removal of this section of wall and disposal will be a change order, but that number is not determined yet as it will be based on time and material. The contractor has provided what they feel is a high number of \$20,000, but as I stated it will be known after the completion of this area of work. We have an approved contingency of \$72,130 for this project.

The location for the Fitness Court at Fabbrini has been proposed by staff to be located just east of the Sand Volleyball Court. The National Fitness Campaign also likes this site as it is visible from the parking lot, accessible from the path and has trees for shade in the summer months. It is also outside the fence for the Johnson Fields.

2. Development & Construction

The construction team was busy removing three playgrounds this past month. This is the first time that any current staff members have removed playgrounds and it was a process for us to figure out the best course of action. In the past the removal of the playgrounds would add roughly \$10,000 to our contract per playground. By removing the playgrounds in house we save on the removal and also gain the ability to recycle the playgrounds and receive those funds as well; currently we have received \$858 and have an additional truck load yet to be recycled.

With all the rain/snow that occurred in the month of it made it hard on the team to get ballfields ready for play. The team did a great job prepping the fields that they could, which usually resulting in the work all being completed by hand as the fields were too wet for ball field groomers to be on them.

3. Aquatics and Building

April is the month that the seasonal crew for Seascope Family Aquatic Center come back to work and start getting the facility ready for the pool season. Lots of work was accomplished at Seascope the past two months. Three different contractors visited the facility to complete the new hot water system in the locker rooms, new concrete at joint expansions and tube slide wall repair and the painting of the slides. Along with this staff was busy painting lockers room, setting up the tents, umbrellas, windscreens and cleaning the pool. Seascope piping was tested to hold water, no failures were noticed. Staff is prepared to start filling the pool on Friday May 17th.

4. Park Grounds

We are excited for April's arrival to be able to get out and start mowing and landscaping our facilities. We started off strong and then the weather turned for the worse. Staff was able to complete a winter cleanup mowing prior to the snowfalls and all the rain. All the facilities along with Black Bear Disc Golf Course and park ID signs all receive fresh mulch for the season.

The ponds at South Ridge, Highland, Black Bear, Chestnut and Evergreen were all stocked with fish this spring. We started stocking ponds last fall again and will continue to stock in the spring and fall. The grounds team also worked with MacArthur school to complete a butterfly garden at the school which turned out to be a great event.

Other items that were worked on in April at Parks, Planning and Maintenance Department:

- Ice Maker install at TC
- Working on pool permits with IDPH for The Club
- Bathrooms opened at all parks
- New electrical lines on the track at The Club
- Steam room maintenance at The Club
- Irrigation turned on at Athletic Fields
- Thorguard system was turned on and tested
- Windscreens installed at pickle ball, tennis, ballfields and skate park
- Park inspections and cleanups completed
- Vinyl flooring installed at TC Admin bathrooms, mail room and break room
- Fertilize and overseed sports fields
- Tree removals at Colony and Hunter Ridge
- Planned tree removal for Black Bear Park, following an incident with vandalism to a tree. Someone started a tree on fire and the Hoffman Estates fire department assisted in putting the fire out and tree will be removed
- Arbor Day and earth day programs were completed with volunteer groups at MacArthur, Black Bear and Voegelei
- Vehicle inspections
- Repairs to all district equipment as needed

Recreation Division



Upcoming Events

May 18 – Kids to Parks Day

- Black Bear Park: 9am Hoffman Walks, Fishing Clinic & Disc Golf Clinic, 10am children's activities
- Huntington Park: 9am Park Clean-Up, 10am children's activities
- Victoria Park: 9am Park Clean-Up, 10am children's activities

May 18 – Free Yoga at Village Green

May 25 – Seascape Opening Day

May 25 – Dance Recitals

June 5 – Scott R Triphahn Golf Outing Fundraiser

June 6 – Concert at Village Green

June 13 – Concert at Village Green

Administration

Staff were re-certified in CPR, AED and First Aid. Lisa Swan, our new trainer, shadowed the class on April 17 & 18 in preparation for her first class to co- teach in June.

Natalie Wood and Lisa Swan attended IPRA's Supervisor Symposium at Bartlett Park District on Friday, April 12.

Martha Houston and Lisa Swan Attended Camp Expo for D54 the evening of April 24 and engaged with over 50 families about our camp options.

Alisa Kapusinski spoke to 3rd grade students at MacArthur School during their Community Helpers week along with the fire department and police department.

Colleen Palmer attended the eSports Café Grand Opening at NIU-Hoffman Estates. It was a great facility with a variety of equipment and gaming options, with potential for future park district field trips and group outings. A teen trip is planned for early June to this facility.

The iCompete program finished the year with an outing to Poplar Creek Bowl on Monday, April 29. There was a total of 23 students from Muir and 15 mentors from Hoffman Estates High School who enjoyed eight events throughout the year; highlights included a kick-off party hosted at The Club at Prairie Stone. The program also include a Windy City Bulls game sponsored by the Windy City Bulls, where kids and mentors were able to get a pre-game behind-the-scenes tour of the Sears Centre and meet some players! The year ended with an outing to Poplar Creek Bowl where everyone enjoyed bowling and prizes.

Passport to Fun was distributed this month. This small booklet will be distributed to families throughout spring & early summer. The booklet highlights special events and a variety of activities families can do throughout the summer at the park district.

Fabbrini Park baseball fields were dedicated to Stephen & Connie Johnson on Saturday, May 4. Connie Johnson and her son, Todd, were present for the dedication. Commemorative pins were distributed to all players and attendees and special game balls were made for the special occasion.



Triphahn Center



Willow Recreation Center

Triphahn Center Fitness and Operations:

<u>Membership</u>	<u>4/30/18</u>	<u>1/1/19</u>	<u>4/30/19</u>	<u>YTD Var. +/-</u>
Total	895	809	894	+85

Willow Rec Center Fitness & Racquetball

<u>Membership</u>	<u>4/30/18</u>	<u>1/1/19</u>	<u>4/30/19</u>	<u>YTD Var. +/-</u>
Total	371	329	323	-6

A fitness member survey was distributed this month to all fitness members (online survey and paper surveys were available). Results from the survey will assist staff in prioritizing which fitness equipment is most important to replace as well as review member usage and satisfaction.

Willow spring fitness classes have 35 participants (compared to 37 last year).

At TC, a few new classes started in April, including Walk Live, Walking Warriors (50+) and a daytime Tai Chi class (50+). There are 112 participants enrolled in spring fitness classes (compared to 90 last year).

Racquetball membership and participation continues to decline at Willow. There are 22 less members this year than there were last year in April. Lesson and league enrollment continues to decline as well with 11 participants in lessons (compared to 24 last year) and 23 participants in leagues (compared to 27 last year). Staff will be evaluating the usage of the racquetball courts over the new few months.

South Barrington Yoga program update: Staff worked hard to decrease the number of pages printed in the spring seasonal brochure. Staff were tasked to decrease their program descriptions. In the spring brochure, the South Barrington Yoga blurb was decreased and the instructor name was removed (as many other programs do not highlight the instructor). The South Barrington ICA expired after the spring 2019 season and staff decided to not renew the contract. As fitness is one of the top needs from our community, it was determined that we would offer yoga in-house at Willow rather than contract with South Barrington. Debbie contacted the fitness manager at South Barrington to notify her that we would not be renewing our contract. Debbie also contacted the yoga instructor, and though the instructor was a sole employee of SBPD, Debbie wanted to notify her directly as well. In the phone conversation with the yoga instructor, Debbie offered her the opportunity to teach directly for HEParks for the new classes at Willow; the yoga instructor declined the opportunity. Debbie secured an instructor from The Club to teach the classes beginning in summer at Willow. Craig did call the yoga instructor as well to clarify any questions she had; the yoga instructor stated she was unable to talk and would call back. To date, the yoga instructor did not return his call.

TC & WRC fitness center are now eligible to accept Renew Active by United Healthcare members. This plan allows United Healthcare Medicare members the opportunity to become a member at TC & WRC fitness centers for no cost. As long as the member visits the center once per month, HEParks will receive \$20 per member per month. We also received notice in mid-May that we were accepted into Silver Sneakers. Silver Sneakers allows 65+ year olds on Medicare a free membership to TC & WRC. We are paid \$2.50/visit with a cap of \$20 per month. A secondary plan within the Silver Sneakers family is Prime. Prime allows anyone 18-64 years a free membership if they have Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance. We are paid \$3.50/visit with a cap of \$30 per month. Silver Sneakers & Prime will roll out within the next couple weeks!

FITGO (like BINGO) fitness member game launched May 1. Fitness members can win prizes as they complete the game.

Facility Rental Updates:

Debbie & Gary met with a HomeSchool Network and have expanded facility usage for this homeschool organization. Currently the homeschool group meets Monday afternoons in the Vogelei Teen Center with their older students. Additional plans are in the works for program development specifically marketed during the day for the homeschool families.



Dog Off-Leash Areas

<u>Dog Park Passes</u>	<u>4/30/18</u>	<u>1/1/19</u>	<u>4/30/19</u>	<u>YTD Var. +/-</u>
Total	693	683	662	-21

Doggie Eggstravaganza was held on April 13 at both dog parks. There were 18 dogs at Bo’s Run and 32 at Freedom Run. The dogs had their own egg hunt and took pictures with the Easter Bunny.



General Programs

Special Events:

The second Trivia Night was held at Bar Down on Saturday, April 13, with 25 registered participants. The theme this time was TV Sitcoms and included questions about Friends, Seinfeld, MASH, SNL just to name a few.

The Park District’s annual Egg Hunt took place on Saturday, April 20 at three different parks - Fabbrini, Pine and Cannon Crossing. Each park was very well attended and the weather was perfect.

A new event was offered this month – Family Fit Day. The event was established to focus on families, fitness and being outdoors. The event was scheduled at Pine Park. Due to a late season snowstorm, the event was moved to Willow. There were over 120 participants at this event. Families rotated through a variety of circuits/challenges/games that were manned by all the departments of the district (early childhood, STAR/Camps, 50+, The Club, Bridges, Athletics, TC/WRC fitness, gymnastics, ice & Seascape). Once the families completed their challenge, they received a stamp. Once the families completed their stamp sheet, each participant received a t-shirt. For the first year, this event was a success!

Staff started the preliminary planning for an October Haunted House at Seascape. This will be a collaborative effort between all areas of the district with the Parks and Recreation Divisions taking the lead on construction and planning.

Programs:

Winter/Spring session of dance will conclude in May with the annual dance recital held at Hoffman Estates High School on May 25. This season there are 196 dancers compared to 201 last year.

Spring archery has 20 participants compared to 29 last year. Spring gymnastics has 121 participants compared to 131 last year, and spring martial arts has 279 participants compared to 274 last year. All other general programs (music, drawing, choir, theater, baton, magic & horsemanship) had 59 participants enrolled compared to 48 last year.



50+ Club

<u>50+ Membership</u>	<u>4/30/18</u>	<u>1/1/19</u>	<u>4/30/19</u>	<u>YTD Var. +/-</u>
Total Members	410	397	394	-3

Three 50+ trips were offered in April with 44 participants.

Book Club met this month with 15 in attendance. A new format for book selections includes the Book Club determining the books with the selection occurring six months prior. The early selection of the book gives staff the opportunity to promote the upcoming books in advance to great interest.

A new Garden Club met for the first time in April. Seven members attended. The group will now meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 1pm. Those who attended had a variety of experience in different types of gardening.

New 50+ Painting Class Workshops were offered in April. This new classes were not in the Program Guide and were only promoted through e-blasts, flyers and in the 50+ Connection Newsletter. We had 13 enrolled for the month. This is a contractual class, which will be offered quarterly.

50+ Annual Open House Committee continues to meet monthly to develop new and exciting things for this year's open House. The committee is also working on activities for our Member Appreciation Week that will go hand in hand with the 50+ Open House. Many great ideas were discussed.



Early Childhood

The ELC hosted their second family night of the year on Tuesday, April 9. The event was a Bingo Night, which had around 100 people in attendance.

The Yankee Candle fundraiser raised almost \$1700 for the Preschool and ELC program. These funds are going to be used for flowerbeds at both the Willow and Triphahn Center playgrounds. The Triphahn Center flower bed were installed this month, and Willow will get their flower bed installed in the next few weeks.



TC 3 year old preschool class completed their chick/egg hatching journey. 21 eggs hatched.



Staff continue to work on the ExceleRate Silver Circle Accreditation renewal. All trainings and observations are complete, and the initial application and materials will be submitted in the next few weeks.

April Preschool & ELC enrollment:

Preschool/ELC:	4/2018	4/2019	Var. +/-
3's Playschool 18-19	14 TC 12 WRC	14 TC 8 WRC	-4
2's Playschool 18-19	30 TC 23 WRC	30 TC 24 WRC	+1
Preschool 18-19	128 TC 67 WRC	122 TC 59 WRC	-14
Early Learning Center	30 - TOTAL	30 – 5 days 5 – 4 days 9 – 3 days 3 – 2 days 47 TOTAL	+17

Enrollment for next year's preschool (Sept 2019 – May 2020) has begun, with enrollment to date as follows:

- 3's Playschool: 22
- TC & WRC 3 year old Preschool: 83
- TC & WRC 4 year old Preschool: 85



School Age - STAR and Day Camps

STAR:

STAR registration for 19/20 school year is open. Enrollment for the 19/20 school year (to date) is listed below.

Martha is continuing to educate STAR parents on the new ePact online emergency management system. As people register, they get an introductory email and are reminded monthly to complete their profiles and emergency information. This system will allow parents to complete all emergency forms and information for their child(ren) in a secure online portal. This information will then be accessible to Site Coordinators and Program Managers through an app for easy, fast and safe access to children’s emergency information.

AMITA Health visited with Willow STAR site and presented their I AM STRONG Program on April 26.

STAR Enrollment for 18/19 school year:

STAR	4/2018	4/2019	Var. +/-
District 54	356	380	+24
District 15	59	62	+3
KSTAR District 15	13	20	+7
Totals	428	462	+34

Enrollment for next year’s STAR (Sept 2019 – June 2020) has begun, with enrollment to date as follows:

District 54 – 272

District 15 – 50

KSTAR – 25

Total = 347

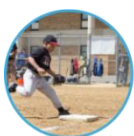
No School Days:

- There were 2 Days Off programs in April for D54 and D15:
 - Tuesday, April 2 Hawaiian Party/Animal Program D54 (32 enrolled)
 - Friday, April 19 Rockin’ Jump D54 and D15 (50 enrolled)

Summer Camps:

The summer camp planner is online and registration continues. For all camps offered within the Park District, to date there are 369 more campers enrolled than this time last year.

Staff is finalizing the hiring process of camp counselors. Staff also set up camp partnerships with NWSRA and AMITA Health to bring in ability awareness programs to some of our summer camps.



Youth Athletics

Outdoor Soccer-

- Pre-season scrimmages were held on April 14
- Opening Day was scheduled for April 27, but due to the snow, it was rescheduled for May 5.
- There are 260 players this season compared to 212 last year.

Outdoor Adventure –

- Family Fishing class was scheduled to begin April 26 (moved to May 4 due to weather) has 5 enrolled.

Cricket -

- Youth Cricket Program is set to begin June 1

Basketball –

- Adult basketball leagues hosted their season-end tournaments in April. Championship game was April 29 at Triphahn Center.
- There were nine teams in this league (which is the program max).

Baseball/Softball –

- Despite the poor spring weather, we were able to host two softball tournaments the first weekends at Cannon Crossings.
- Our new N60 baseball teams (all-star teams) played their first games on April 22 at Cannon. There are two teams (22 players) enrolled in this program.
- A clothing drive was organized for Stepping Stones Foundation on April 27 at Triphahn Center. Clothes were collected for school children in Uganda.
- Outdoor practices started for all in-house baseball teams. There are 243 players this season compared to 209 last year.
- Adult softball spring training league started and ended in April. Teams were able to play three out of the five games due to weather. There were four teams this year compared to six last year.
- Summer softball league has 12 teams compared to 13 last year.



Ice Operations

Leagues:

- The NWHL spring season began with 3 mite teams, 1 squirt, 1 peewee 2 bantams, 1 midget and 1 girls tournament team. There are 136 players this spring compared to 154 last year.
- Moose Jaw 3v3 registration has begun with 11 teams registered to date.

Lessons: Spring session began this month.

- There are 80 children enrolled in spring hockey lessons to date compared to 72 last year. There are 227 participants enrolled in spring figure skating lessons to date compared to 228 last year.
- Little Blackhawks program took place in April. There were 55 children registered for this program.
- The new off-ice floorball program began with 26 participants this spring.

Clinics: A new adult skills & scrimmage program began with month with Coach Jeff Muffit on Sunday nights. The program averages over 25 participants each week.

Special Events: Easter Egg Slide was held on April 14. Even with the snowstorm, the event had 315 participants. All skaters enjoyed an egg hunt plus skating with the bunny.

Camps: Summer camp registration is currently open. Currently there are 50 enrolled in Figure Skating Camps and 33 enrolled in Hockey Camps.

A new sponsorship/partnership was created with a local dentist who provides fitted mouth guards for hockey players. Mouth guards are being offered to our players at a discounted rate for \$30 with her sponsorship.



Aquatics

There are 765 Seascape passholders to date for 2019 compared to 497 at this time last year for the 2018 season. (For the month of April, we sold 341 passes compared to 328 passes last April.) 10% off pool passes ended on April 30.



Communications and Marketing

A new C&M work order ticketing program was launched this month. District staff submit a ticket when any C&M work is requested. The ticket is assigned to a C&M staff member. This tracking tool allows the department to prioritize projects and log the work processed through the department.

Design Work:

- Summer Guide design, including:

- Updated fitness pages to highlight the facilities and amenities, including color coding fitness programs based on facility
- Reorganization of swim lesson pages
- Expanded the map and parks section to include more locations and amenities
- Added Seascape special events to the summer calendar in the guide
- Swim Lesson promo page for Hanover Park Park District brochure
- Passport to Fun
- Legislative Day promotional display
- TC & WRC Fitness: FITGO game board & Member Survey & Renew Active
- Registration & Membership Forms redesign
- Chamber: Bon Appetit signage
- Foundation Rip Card
- Bridges:
 - Postcard promotion piece for wedding rentals and golf
 - Bucket of Ball cards
 - Custom Tablecloths for promotional events
 - Advertisement for “The Knot” Magazine
 - Golf Outing Trifold
 - Golf Guide Ad for Daily Herald
 - Golf Programs Guide

Video:

- Annual Report Video production

Marketing Campaigns / Promo:

- Spring Brochure registration
- Passport to Fun
- Outdoor adventure program: fishing, archery, nature
- Dance Company Dance Workshop & Tryouts
- 10% off Seascape passes in April
- Scout Projects & Volunteer opportunities
- Earth Day & Arbor Day activities
- Ice Rink renovation updates

Press Releases / Print Media:

Press Releases:

- Family Fit Day
- Community and Willow Park Construction
- Outdoor Programs/Fishing (*)
- Hoffman Stars Final performance
- Egg Slide (*)

- Spring Events (*)

(*) = published

Print Media:

- Submitted all summer events to Daily Herald for Summer Fun section

Special events – Promotion & Design:

- ELC Open House
- Family Fit Day
- Trivia Night
- Doggie Egg hunt
- Egg Slide
- Community Garage Sale
- Aqua Egg Hunt
- Egg Hunts
- Kids to Parks
- Johnson Field Dedication
- Teen Trip to The Club
- Teen Bowling Trip

Eblasts:

- Weekly program updates eblasts
- Seascape Final Days to Save: resulted in 400 clicks to purchase passes webpage
- TC/Willow Fitness Engagement email, including FITGO May activities
- Summer Camp registration reminder: resulted in 444 clicks to webpage
- Summer Guide Available and Summer Registration available

Social Media:

- 75 posts in April (vs 32 posts in March): including 4 videos & 4 live streams
- 26 events created in Facebook with a reach of 53,102 people.
- Top interactive posts:
 - 1) Fishing is Reel Cool (with video) – 4/16
 - 2) Park Construction for Willow & Community Parks – 4/24
 - 3) Summer Camps visit Seascape – 4/24
 - 4) Registration begins Wednesday with link to digital guide – 4/21
 - 5) Archery – 4/15

of Followers:

HEParks Facebook: 3503 (+133 from last month)

HEParks Twitter – 963 (+43 from last month)

HEParks Instagram – 226 (+34 from last month)

Bridges Facebook – 850 (-87 from last month)

The Club Facebook – 1399 (-34 from last month)

50+ Facebook- 79 (-6 from last month)

Wolfpack Facebook- 73 (-9 from last month)

Figure Skating Facebook - 56

Website:

47,002 visits to HEParks.org

Highest visit days:

1. 2,428 visits on April 19 – Day before Egg hunts
2. 2,048 visits on April 17 – Summer Program Guide Published on Website
3. 1,968 visits on April 9 – Summer Camp email response

Website Traffic:

- 68.5% of viewers were new visitors to the site
- 58.5% of visitors to HEParks.org are women
- 55.64% of visitors accesses HEParks from their mobile device




Highest visited pages: Homepage, Events, Parks-facilities, Programs – Sports

Redesigned the website front page by removing articles. Staff is in initial phases of revamping homepage with an entire new look. New webpages Fishing, Construction information page & Renew Active page.

Newly Acquired Advertising and Sponsorships

Fabbrini Flowers:	Dance Recital Program Sponsor
Bright Star Dental:	Custom Mouth Guard Program
Windy City Bulls:	Foundation Silver Sponsor Renewal & SRT Hole Sponsor
Bear Family McDonald's:	Foundation Silver Sponsor Renewal
Jewelry & Coin Mart:	Event Sponsor
Radhika's Kitchen:	Marquee
Chuy's Tex Mex:	PIP Food Vendor & Event Sponsor
Garibaldi's:	PIP Food Vendor
Link's Technology:	Foundation Silver Friend Renewal
Pinnacle Dermatology:	Annual Sunscreen Sponsor
Allstate:	Foundation Golf Outing Hole Sponsor
Brookdale Senior Living:	50+ Open House Boxed Lunches
Maria Zucek, Realtor:	Marquee
Box of Crayons:	Marquee
Physical Therapy Solutions:	Marquee

Bridges General Programs

-  New Golf Event! Bridges Match Play Event. This will be a season long match play bracket tournament limited to the first 16 players to register. This event will be played at player's convenience and will coordinate their matches with opponent. Great way to meet new players and test your match play skills. Sign up now and don't miss out.
-  Staff is working hard on our First Summer Movie Night on the golf course. We will be showing Shrek this year on Friday, July 12th. Marketing materials will be going out shortly to promote this new event.
-  2019 Music Dates are set. Mark your calendars for these 3 very entertaining nights.
6/27/19 – Kevin Presbrey

7/24/19 – The Messengers

8/20/19 – Felix & Fingers

Golf Rounds

MONTHLY ROUND TOTALS					
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	5 Year Average
2,364	1,940	2,584	1,510	1,509	1,981
YTD ROUND TOTALS					
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	5 Year Average
3,017	3,826	3,877	2,805	1,990	3,103

Range Information

MONTHLY RANGE BASKET SALES TOTALS					
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	5 Year Average
1,733	1,476	1,858	1,131	1,664	1,572
YTD RANGE BASKET SALES TOTALS					
2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	5 Year Average
2,152	2,427	2,752	1,868	2,021	2,244

Pass Sales

<i>Resident Passes Thru April</i>	2017	2018	2019
Resident Annual	3	0	0
Resident Individual	75	41	12
Resident Junior	2	2	0
Resident Senior	45	48	33
Total Resident Passes Sold YTD	125	117	45

<i>Non Resident Passes Thru April</i>	2017	2018	2019
Non-Resident Annual	1	1	0
Preferred TT Pass	116	80	(Will Hit in May 104)
Non-Res Individual	6	10	1
Non-Res Junior	0	2	1
Non-Res Senior	41	46	26
Total Resident Passes Sold YTD	164	139	28

Communications & Marketing

Marketing/Advertising



10 Email blasts went out promoting pass sales, jr. golf, ladies' league, couples' league, schaum/hoff league, Par 3 Challenge, course play, Hoppy Easter



Increased inventory of usable photos by taking pictures (on-going initiative)



Increased Facebook page likes by 18 since Feb 11



Created Facebook “events” for upcoming Bridges/PD happenings



Continued regular Facebook posts to promote golf & interaction with followers



Continued #ProTipTuesday posts



Developed targeted campaign on Facebook & Instagram for Weddings at Bridges



Posted Bridges Leagues & happenings to Daily Herald calendar



Purchased promo materials including Postcard brochures (wedding/golf); branded table cloth; prize wheel



Attended Bon Appetit & Family Fit Day with Table Activations

Food & Beverage

For the month of April we had 15 (17 Events in 2018)

4 breakfast meetings servicing 100 guests

1 room rental only servicing 50 guests

5 showers servicing 254 guests

1 birthday party servicing 103 guests

1 awards dinner servicing 191 guests

1 retirement luncheon servicing 34 guests

Breakfast with Bunny servicing 205 guests

Easter Brunch servicing 365 guests

For the month of May we have 17 events (18 Events in 2018)

6 breakfast meetings servicing 275 guests

1 1st Communion servicing 60 guests

3 showers servicing 100 guests

1 ceremony only servicing 100 guests

3 ceremony/receptions servicing 445 guests

2 golf outings servicing 80 guests

1 meeting servicing 30 guests

Wedding Count Update:

2020 = 2 ceremony and reception, 2 reception only

2019 = 16 ceremony and reception, 3 reception only, 1 ceremony only

2018 = 16 ceremony and reception and 3 reception only, 2 ceremony only (2 weddings cancelled in 2018)

2017 = 14 ceremony and reception, 5 reception only, 5 ceremony only

2016 = 21 ceremony and reception, 4 reception only, 1 ceremony only.

2015 = 18 ceremony and reception, 5 reception only, 4 ceremony only

Golf Maintenance Summary

In April our high averaged 57 degrees (2 degrees below average) and low averaged 41 degrees (1 degree above average). In April we received about 5.5" (3.38" average) of rain it was spread pretty evenly throughout the month with the exception of the last week of the month. In the last 6 days of April we saw just short of 3" or rain. In April we also got some unexpected snow, not once but twice. We had 8" of snow between the two storms, this is 6.8" more than or average for April. This brings our overall winter total to 49.3" of snow, which is about 13.2" above average. In April we saw 14 total playable* days (46%) and weekends in April we had 3 (37%) playable* days

*Playable is being defined as highs between 55-90 degrees and less than .05" rain.

April was a very busy month for the maintenance department. Our spring aerification was a success. We aerified all greens with 5/8" solid tines at a 2" spacing, applied about 32 tons of sand, brushed the sand in,

and lastly fertilized/watered everything. We also were able to squeeze in aerification on all the tees using the same 5/8" tines.

We wrapped up our work on 12 gold tee right before the end of the month and all the rain. After the tee was leveled we sodded the tee and surrounds. The size of the tee did shrink slightly but with the new flat square tee we will be able to better utilize the space we have over the old oval tee. We hope to have the tee open in the next 3-4 weeks if the weather will cooperate.

Here is a small list of some of the other tasks the maintenance team has been working on in April:

- PJ, Assistant Golf Course Superintendent attended local education to learn tree climbing and pruning techniques.
- Started to mow playing surfaces more regularly.
- Started chemical and fertilizer applications on greens, tees, fairways, and rough areas.
- Put out all course accessories.
- Put out all hazard and out of bounds stakes.
- Cleaned up and seeded all stumps from winter removals.
- Cleaned out all beds in preparation for upcoming season.
- Removed volunteer trees in native areas.
- Started to mulch beds.
- Checked sand depths in green side bunkers.
- Started up the irrigation system and started auditing system to prepare for upcoming season.



April Membership Totals	<u>4/30/2018</u>	<u>4/30/2019</u>	<u>1/01/2019</u>	<u>Var. +/-</u>
Totals	3103	2892	2881	+11

Member Services

- Although April was a disappointing month in regard to new memberships, the team has been working hard on a plan to bring in additional members as well as retain our current members. In April we offered a \$49 enrollment fee and a FREE one hour personal training session with enrollment.

- The sales team has put a plan together to “hit the pavement” and visit both our existing and potential corporate accounts. We will be offering enrollment incentives to the local corporations and inviting them in for a team building group fitness class.
- In April, we launched *Club Connections* (logo below) an exciting new member retention effort. With Club Connections, we will offer events and meetings to new and long-time members to be sure they are “plugging in” to all we have to offer. At our Inaugural Meeting (photo), our Fitness Supervisor spoke to the new members about everything they can take advantage of at the facility. We also received valuable feedback from those attending in what they are (and are not) looking for from us.



- The General Manager had a great time joining the rest of the District staff at the Family Fit Day Event on April 27th. We offer a game of *Twister* to the families and gave out beach balls with The Club logo.

Marketing

- Developed It's No Joke Campaign on April Fool's & Spring Into Action (\$49 enrollment) to encourage membership
- Developed Jelly Bean Guess for membership retention
- Developed & Hosted Club Connection for membership retention
- Purchased promo materials including beachball giveaways; branded table cloth; prize wheel
- Monitor The Club website SEO targeting to improve position on web
- Updated The Club website to include current promotions, information & content updates
- Began regular Facebook posts to promote fitness center & interaction with followers
- Signage Overhaul Project has begun; likely to be 3-5 phase project to include ALL signage.
- Surveyed Current Membership via Constant Contact to gather useful feedback
- Attended Family Fit Day with Table Activation

Operations and Fitness Departments:

- We sent out a member survey recently and one of the questions asked if they were interested or would use a Club Mobile App. 57% of respondents indicated they would not, and those that would said they would use the app mostly for notifications (group

fitness class changes, closures, etc.) We are looking into other possibilities to get notifications out to members such as mobile phone text notifications, as we have often been asked about this.

- Our April Parent's Night Out event was held on April 13th, with 24 kids in attendance. Culver's Hoffman Estates provided complimentary custard to all in attendance.
- In April we offered a promotion on the purchase of our package of 10 Personal Training; buy 10 1-hour sessions get 1 free. This did really well as we have not run a special on this package in a while. We also sold some 1 hour sessions because of the enrollment special. Sales breakdown:
 - (23) packages of the 1 hour 10 session PT
 - (8) packages of the 1 hour 3 session PT
 - (2) packages of the 1 hour 5 session PT
 - (68) single one hour sessions PT
 - (2) single session Pilates
 - (2) half hour sessions of PT
 - (6) packages of group training
- Our Fitness Supervisor is working on creating a "mini- fitness assessment" which is a 15 minute fitness assessment that can be offered to members to get them familiar with the assessment process and get them in front of a trainer to talk about their goals. The information gathered from these assessments will help us reach back out to these members and be sure we are meeting their needs and they are seeing results. Both very important to keep them as members. We will offer these assessments during a designated "Fit Week" where we will have trainers on hand throughout the week and giving these assessments.
- Our Fitness Supervisor is also working on researching different options to introduce more technology into the facility. We have received a sample of a heart rate monitor band from a company called MyZone and we are currently testing it to determine ease of use and if it is something members will use/like.

Aquatics:

- April 20th was the annual Aqua Egg Hunt here at the Club. It was a very successful with the first section filling to capacity at 35 participants and the second session with 28. The kids (and staff!) had a great time while the kids swam and collected eggs, then moved on to make a picture frame, had their picture taken with the bunny, and finished with a sundae bar with custard provided by Culver's of Hoffman Estates.



	Winter I	Winter II	Spring I	Summer I	Summer II	Fall I	Fall II	Total Indoor Swim
2016	150	168	298	292	0	280	208	1396
2017	137	206	274	264	240	259	195	1575
2018	172	143	251	239	192	202	165	1364
2019	137	133	208					

*CLOSED Lap Pool First week of lessons

- The Aquatic & Program Manager has been working to get all the summer hiring done for Seascape. One lifeguard recertification class is complete for returning lifeguards, and the new lifeguard class will take place in May.

A. Finance/Administration

- Auditors will be presenting the 2018 annual Comprehensive Financial Report (CAFR) in draft form at the May 28th meeting. Once approved, the CAFR will be submitted to the GFOA and filed with all governmental and financial institutions as required.
- Balanced scorecard information for Q1 2019 has been gathered and completed.
- Staff continues to work with American Express with regards to the back-owed points that convert to a donation to the Foundation.
- Attended a Government Finance Officers Association training on Managing the Budget Process.
- Met with the District's financial advisor to discuss refinancing opportunities for the Series 2010C Bonds given the favorable market conditions.
- Prepared the quarterly review of the financial statements.
- Prepared an analysis of the winter program offerings.
- Prepared a draft analysis for the Club for feedback from staff.

- Staff converted all TC/WRC individual passes to new pass structure. Family membership conversion will begin after the May billing cycle.
- New features/processes in RecTrac:
 - Updated Seascape passes to reflect advertised date.
 - Setup of 5 new programs with 7 new sections and 2 new ticket offering for BPC.
- Payroll Cycle Processing
 - 04/05/19 \$278,283.49
 - 04/19/19 \$285,884.40

B. Administrative Registration/EFT Billing

- EFT Billings for:
 - a. TC/WRC/The Club Fitness Centers
 - b. ELC (weekly)
 - c. 50+
 - d. Sponsorship/Marquee Signs
 - e. Spring Hockey
 - f. STAR
- Administrative
 - a. Assistance with desk daytime shift transition
 - b. Summer Guide Go Live verification
 - c. Analysis of DHS Households
- Administrative Registration for:
 - a. Financial Assistance
 - b. Foundation Giving Tree
 - c. STAR
 - d. Easter Events
 - e. Preschool Candle Fundraiser

C. Human Resources

- Processed 15 new part-time hires and 4 new volunteers.
- Attended PDRMA Armed Intruder class at Woodridge Park District.
- Safety Committee started process of numbering all doors in facilities for dual purposes of evacuation route labeling and GIS asset tracking.
- Worked with IT on walkthroughs of every facility to assess current status of alarm detection systems (ADS) capabilities and identify area(s) needing replacement/revision.
- Attended meeting for HE Chamber annual fishing derby; the District will provide a tent at the event for vendors and will have staff attend to promote District programs.

D. Technology

- The new HD (High Density) Wireless Access Point (AP) has been installed at The Club near the front entrance.
- Installed a camera at BPC for the rear pro-shop storage room.
- Have deployed 10 of the new 21 desktops.
- We have 6 Reach TVs that are currently displaying HE Parks Marketing content. There is an annual cost paid to Reach for maintenance. IT is in the process of re-configuring these TVs so we can control them ourselves and forego the annual cost.
- Upgraded RecTrac to version 3.1.09.03.

E. Advertising & Sponsorship: Newly Acquired Advertising and Sponsorships

- Fabbrini Flowers
 - Dance Recital Program Sponsor
- Bright Star Dental
 - Custom Mouth Guard Program
- Windy City Bulls
 - Foundation Silver Sponsor Renewal
 - SRT Hole Sponsor
- Bear Family McDonald's
 - Foundation Silver Sponsor Renewal
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- Physical Therapy Solutions
 - Marquee

HE Parks dedicates fields to local family

Submitted by Hoffman Estates Park District

It was a beautiful morning at Fabbrini Park on May 4 as Hoffman Estates Park District dedicated the park's three ball fields to Steven and Connie Johnson for their work developing youth athletics in Hoffman Estates.

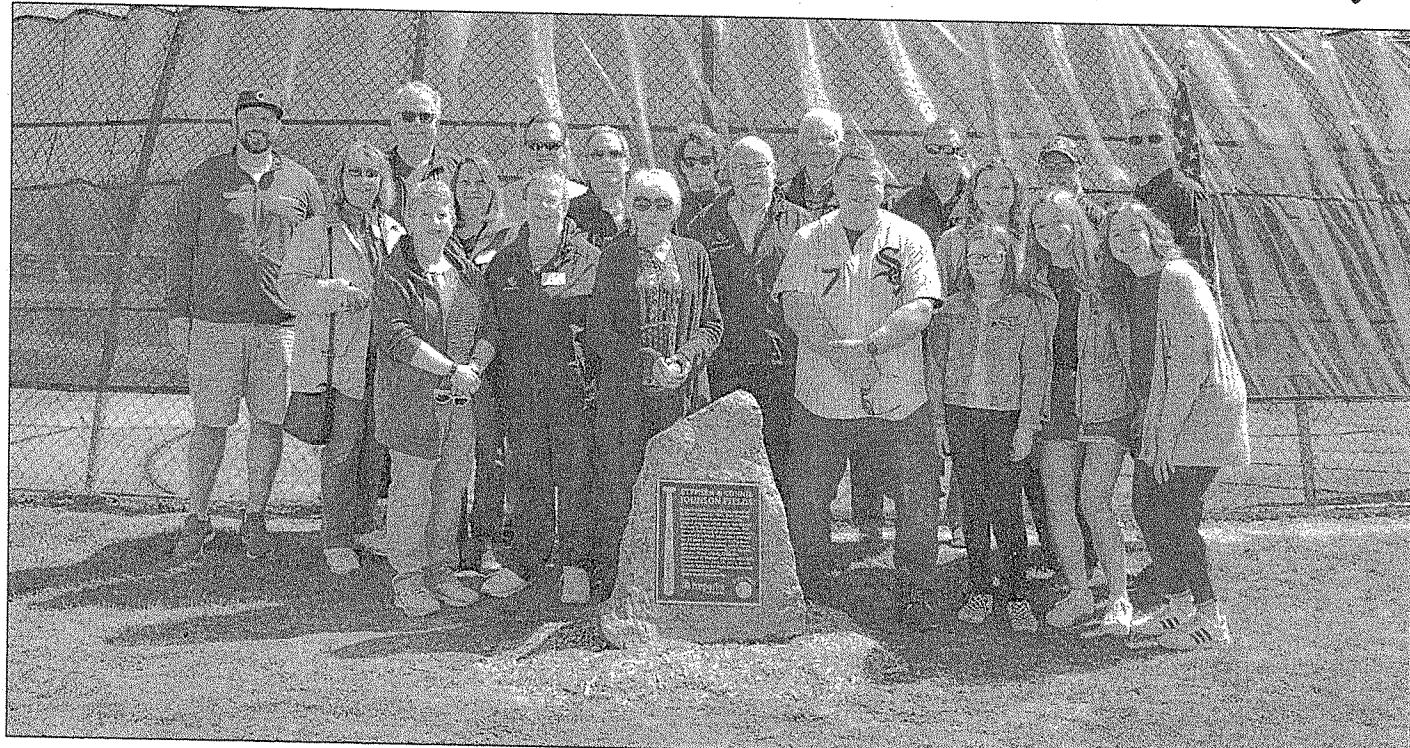
Hoffman Estates Park District Executive Director Craig Talsma spoke on the impact the Johnsons' had on Hoffman Estates.

"Without their passion, baseball and softball in the area would not be the thriving sports they are today."

Stephen and Connie Johnson moved to Hoffman Estates in 1976, and became fixtures in the community's Little League program. During the 20 years they served on the board of Hoffman Estates Baseball and Softball Association (HEBSA), the league grew into one of the best programs in the Northwest suburbs, serving tens of thousands of children.

Steve was involved in every aspect of the association, including serving as board president, umpire, team coach and working in the concession stands with his wife, Connie.

When the Johnsons stepped down from the HEBSA, the park district took over running baseball and softball in the area. Steve passed away on June 20, 2018.



Connie Johnson, Todd Johnson and her granddaughters are joined by members of the Hoffman Estates Park District board and representatives from the village of Hoffman Estates at the dedication of the Connie, Steve and Johnson Fields at Fabbrini Park, Hoffman Estates, May 4.

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Park board President Robert Kaplan read the dedication plaque as the fields were officially named the Steve Field, the Connie Field and Johnson Field.

Sophomore James Marom from Hoffman Estates High School performed the national anthem after the Hoffman Estates Phillies, Hoffman Estates White Sox

and Palatine Scrappers lined up on the field.

Todd Johnson, the son of Steve and Connie Johnson, threw out the first pitch to the Hoffman Estates Phillies catcher.

Representing the Johnson family at the dedication were Connie Johnson, Todd Johnson, Emma Johnson, Aly Johnson and Samantha

Johnson. Also present at the event were Hoffman Estates Park District board President Robert Kaplan, Vice President Pat Kinnane, Treasurer Keith Evans, assistant Secretary Pat McGinn, Commissioner Mike Bickham, Commissioner Lili Kilbridge, Executive Director Craig Talsma, Superintendent of Recreation Colleen Palmer and Athletic Manager Kyle

Thomas.

Hoffman Estates Mayor Bill McLeod, Village Clerk Bev Romanoff, village Trustee Karen Mills, village Trustee Anna Newell, village Trustee Michael Gaeta and village Trustee Karen Arnet also attended the ceremony.

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Families can learn outdoor skills at Hoffman Park District program

Submitted by Hoffman Estates Park District

Hoffman Estates Park District is encouraging families to slow down, get outside and learn a different set of life skills with their new adventure programs this spring and summer.

Partnering with L.L. Bean, the park district has created programs that encourage families to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

"It is important for families, to unplug, get back to nature and spend time together. Being outdoors and learning to fish or build a fire connects you with nature and disconnects you from technology," said Kyle Goddard, athletic coordinator for Hoffman Estates Park District.

Take to the lakes this summer in the Introduction to Kayaking class at Busse Lake Boating Center. Get the entire family out on the water as an L.L. Bean expert instructor

teaches proper water entry and different paddle strokes. Parents must enroll with children younger than 14 years of age. Introduction to Kayaking class runs June 22-Aug. 10 and Aug. 23-Sept. 27. The fee is \$110 for residents and \$121 for nonresidents.

To register online, visit heparks.org and use program number 239087, or stop by a park district facility.

Another new adventure program is the Wilderness Survival Skills class. Students ages 8 and older will learn how to build and maintain fires, find and treat water and create wilderness shelters. This program is being offered multiple times during the spring and summer. The fee is \$85 for residents and \$93 for nonresidents. Enroll by using program number 229088.

This summer, the fishing program is expanding to include Learn to Fish

programs (#229085) as well as Introduction to Fly Fishing (#229086) and Family Fishing (#229085). All fishing classes will teach students how to cast, tie knots and safely release fish.

Equipment is included in the cost of the program. Fishing 101 and Fishing 102 are for children ages 6-14 years; Family Fishing is offered for ages 4 and older; and Fly Fishing is available for everyone 8 and older.

Once you learn how to fish, continue the sport by visiting one of the 15 Hoffman Estates Park District parks that have fishing holes, including Black Bear, Charlemagne, Chestnut, Evergreen, Fabbri, Highland, North Ridge, North Twin, Princeton, South Ridge, South Twin, Vogeley, Walnut, Westbury Lake, Whispering Lake, and Winding Trails Basin.

To find a park with a fishing hole, visit heparks.org/fishing.



Kyle Goddard, right, helps a student apply bait during a Learn to Fish class.

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State again giving out park grants

Hoffman Estates is among the beneficiaries

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SPRINGFIELD — Residents of the northern part of Hoffman Estates were thrilled when they heard a local park would be renovated.

It had been 20 years since a playground, a few sports fields and a small parking lot were added to the acres surrounding South Ridge Park.

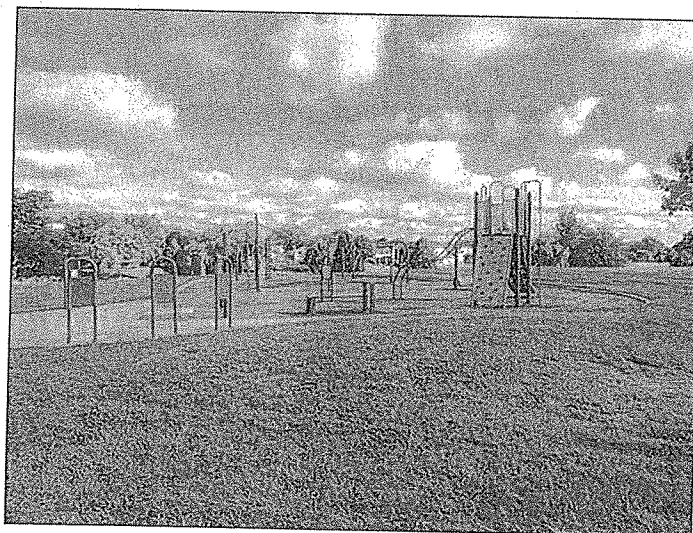
Meanwhile, parks in other areas of Hoffman Estates had already seen new construction and updated amenities.

"So when we announced that we won \$400,000 on social media, the reaction from the public was overwhelming," said Katie Burgess, spokeswoman for the Hoffman Estates Park District.

That money came from an Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grant Illinois' Department of Natural Resources distributes, under the governor's orders, to park districts.

In early February, Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced the 87 recipients of nearly \$30 million in grants, mostly distributed in chunks of \$400,000.

It was the first time such grants had been awarded since then-Gov. Pat Quinn, a Democrat, announced \$26 million in disbursements just before he left office in January



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This is the current playground at South Ridge Park in Hoffman Estates. The Hoffman Estates Park District plans to use a \$400,000 state grant to install a splash pad for children, a "ninja warrior" course for fitness training, and an open-air shelter.

2015. His successor, Republican Bruce Rauner, put park grants on hiatus for his entire 4-year term.

For Hoffman Estates' South Ridge Park, this year's money will go toward a slew of new amenities, including a splash pad for children, a "ninja warrior" course for fitness training and an open-air shelter to the mostly plain grassy area that borders the park's pond.

But Hoffman Estates was only one of the more than 40 Illinois park districts that visited the Capitol Tuesday with similar stories.

Known commonly as "Park District Day," the Springfield event brings representatives from park districts across the state to talk with lawmakers and showcase their renovations.

Money for Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grants comes from real estate transfer tax revenues.

Since 1987, the program has given more than \$415 million to 1,765 local park projects, according to the state.

While local park districts are required to match the funds, they often do much more than that, investing around \$700,000 for every \$400,000 in grant money, according to the Illinois Association of Park Districts.

"Where else do you go to get a 175% return on investment," said Greg Lewis, executive director of the New Lenox Community Park District in Will County.

Lewis' group is using a \$400,000 grant to help build various sports fields, trails and other amenities at the Leigh Creek South Park, which is currently home to just one park district building.

He called the grants a "win-win," because park districts often cannot complete such projects without the state's help.

"Sixty percent of our revenue comes from user fees, so sometimes we're running like a business when we're a not-for-profit," Lewis said. "It's not a choice. We can't build without the grant money."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hoffman Estates annually offers numerous special events designed to draw people together to celebrate, network, recreate, preserve cultural traditions and generally, to enjoy life. Many of these events primarily attract those who live and work in Hoffman Estates. Others draw participants, vendors and performers from far and wide. All events are open to the public, whether they are residents of Hoffman Estates or beyond.

Remaining true to its motto "Growing to Greatness," Hoffman Estates is a busy, active community with much to offer its residents and those who live nearby.

The top events annually planned by the Village of Hoffman Estates and by the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce and Industry are as follows:



CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE | JANUARY

Chicago Marriott Northwest, 4800 Hoffman Blvd., was the site of the eighth annual Celebration of Excellence Awards Dinner during which the outstanding achievements

and contributions of Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce and Industry members were recognized. A yearly slide show is created to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and to showcase the nominees. The 2019 Chamber Board of Directors was presented at the dinner.



ANNUAL MAYOR'S BREAKFAST | FEBRUARY

Held each February at the Sears Centre Arena, is Hoffman Estates' version of the State of the Union Address. Mayor William McLeod and the village staff share a multimedia presentation to update residents and businesses on what is happening and expected to happen in Hoffman Estates. New opportunities and construction plans are outlined and introduced. Future projects and community initiatives are presented at the breakfast.

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RECREATION

Opportunities for fun and beneficial recreation abound in Hoffman Estates – both indoors and outdoors, year-round.

HOFFMAN ESTATES PARK DISTRICT

The premiere purveyor of fun in Hoffman Estates is the Hoffman Estates Park District with its many facilities, seasonal events and more than 70' different parks.

The district's largest fitness center at 5050 Sedge Blvd. has recently been re-branded as "The Club at Prairie Stone." It is a multi-dimensional fitness center that offers its members the complete fitness experience including a running track, rock climbing and indoor swimming, as well as ancillary programs (some for an additional fee) like personal training, orthopedic rehabilitation, health coaching and nutrition seminars. Members enjoy the benefits for the facility for \$59 per person per month or less.

Additional highlights of the district are its two ice rinks at the Triphahn Center Ice Arena, 1685 W. Higgins Road and its outdoor pool at Seascape Family Aquatic Center, 1300 Moon Lake Blvd. The ice rinks accommodate leisure skaters, figure skaters and hockey players year-round. The outdoor pool features water slides, diving board, a water playground, sand play and even volleyball courts. It is open from 11:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Memorial Day weekend through Aug. 18.

The Triphahn Center also houses the Park District's Early Learning and Care program, a state-licensed, full-day preschool for children, ages three to five. It is open year-round from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is open to those who both work and live in the district.

Seasonal events are highly-popular draws for the District. Each spring they hold three community-side Egg Hunts in three parks: Cannon Crossings, Fabbrini and Pine. This year they will be held on April 20. The following week, on April 27, they will hold their first Family Fit Day in Pine Park. It will feature obstacles and circuits and will be manned by both vendors and park district staff members. Black Bear Park will be the site of "Kids to Parks Day" on May 18. Its aim is to get children outside and moving.

The biggest event of the Hoffman Estates Park District's year is the "Party in the



Park" in Fabbrini Park on August 3. It annually features entertainment, food and activities for kids from 2 to 7 p.m. Also highly popular are Pumpkin Fest in Vogeley Park from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on October 12 (featuring inflatables, bands and pumpkin decorating) and Winter Fest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Bridges of Poplar Creek Golf Course in early December. It features sleigh rides, a synthetic ice rink, snow painting and s'mores.

Sponsorships of all of these annual events are welcomed. For more information, contact Carina Graham at cgraham@heparks.org.

POPLAR CREEK BOWL

Poplar Creek Bowl, 2354 W. Higgins Rd., is a state-of-the-art 32-lane, automatic scoring bowling facility, built in 1991. In addition to the lanes, it features an arcade, semi-private party areas, two updated banquet rooms and a newly-remodeled sports bar/restaurant with an upscale menu.

"We try to have something to offer everyone," said Greg Smith, general manager.

Poplar Creek Bowl loves to introduce children to the sport of bowling so they offer lightweight bowling balls, child-sized shoes and very affordable rates for bumper and ramp bowling during the day. Birthday parties that offer both bowling and food and range from one to two hours are especially popular.

Those who find they enjoy the sport can choose to participate in Poplar Creek's youth league on Saturday mornings. The league features youth of a variety of abilities and caters to ages from four up to 20. In fact, it is one of the largest youth leagues in the Chicago area and attracts youth bowlers from well beyond Hoffman Estates, Smith said. Both male and female seniors bowl in leagues on Mondays and Wednesdays. They get free coffee during league time and a free lunch once a month. In addition, during



the summer they receive a reduced rate for open bowling. Poplar Creek Bowl also offers leagues for men, women and mixed bowlers.

Both bowlers and non-bowlers enjoy excellent food and a wide variety of beers – traditional, import and craft – at Bar Down Sports Grill.

"This is not your typical bowling alley food," Smith said. "We pay special attention to those who desire healthy food choices. The bar also features 'bags', Golden Tee, video poker and on Thursday nights, karaoke."

This family-friendly venue also offers updated banquet rooms which are perfect for family celebrations, offsite meetings and banquets for up to 200 people.

DICK POND ATHLETICS

Runners flock to Dick Pond Athletics on 1772 W. Algonquin Rd. to purchase their running shoes but the store offers so much more through running groups and educational seminars.

Recap of weekly updates to the Board

4/19/2019

- [Executive Director 1Q Goals](#)
- The 1Q2019 Executive Director Goals are attached. These goals will be discussed during Executive Session at next week's Board meeting.

Upcoming Events

- [Apr 19 - Friday Night Fish Fry](#)
- [Apr 20 - Egg Hunt – Fabbrini Park](#)
- [Apr 20 - Egg Hunt – Pine Park](#)
- [Apr 20 - Egg Hunt – Cannon Crossing](#)
- [Apr 20 - Aqua Egg Hunt](#)
- [Apr 21 - Easter Brunch](#)
- [Apr 21 - Family Skate Sunday](#)
- [Apr 27 - Hoffman Walks](#)
- [Apr 27 - Family Fit Day](#)
- [Apr 28 - Family Skate Sunday](#)
- [May 4 - Johnson Fields Dedication](#)
- [May 5 - Family Skate Sunday](#)

ICE UPDATE

The heating system is setup and the temperature under the tarps is 150 degrees. The soil is being monitored for moisture and temperature and we are now entering the scheduled 45 day waiting period for the reduction in the perma-frost (see attached picture).

4/26/2019

Upcoming Events

- [Apr 27 - Family Fit Day](#) (now at WRC)
- [Apr 28 - Family Skate Sunday](#)
- [May 4 - Johnson Fields Dedication](#)
- [May 5 - Family Skate Sunday](#)
- [May 11 - Early Learning and Care\(ELC\) Open House](#)
- [May 11 - Community Garage Sale](#)
- [May 12 - Family Skate Sunday](#)
- [May 12 - Mother's Day Skate](#)
- [May 18 - Hoffman Walks](#)
- [May 18 - National Kids to Parks Day](#)
- [May 18 - Free Fishing Clinic](#)

IAPD Legislative Conference

Craig will be at the IAPD Legislative Conference Monday thru Wed next week w/Commissioner Ron Evans, Alisa Kapusinski and Katie Burgess. We have a booth for Parks Day on Tuesday. They will also be attending the Legislative Reception and Dinner that evening as well as attending conference sessions on Wed. Feel free to email Jane or Directors directly should you need anything.

Family Fit Day Saturday

Due to the impending cold and rainy weather tomorrow, we have decided to move the Family Fit Day event on Saturday, April 27th inside to Willow Recreation Center. It will still be held from 10:00-am-12:00pm. Hoffman Walks will be cancelled.

Annual Summer Social

Our annual Summer Social with Commissioners, Com Reps and Foundation Trustees will be held on **Thursday, June 27th** at BPC from 6pm to 7pm. Stay for the live music (Kevin Presbrey at 6:30). Appetizers and cash bar available. See attached flyer.

5/3/2019

Johnson Fields Dedication, Fabbrini Park - Sat. 5/4 10:45 to 11

Reminder to please come to Fabbrini on Saturday morning for the dedication of the Stephen & Connie Johnson athletic fields.

****Please note that all baseball fields have been closed since last weekend due to the weather and will continue to be closed this weekend. However, staff has assured us that there will be one field open on Saturday at Fabbrini Park for the opening pitch during the Johnson dedication****

Upcoming Events

see full calendar

- **May 4 - Johnson Fields Dedication**
- **May 5 - Family Skate Sunday**
- **May 11 - Early Learning and Care(ELC) Open House**
- **May 11 - Community Garage Sale**
- **May 12 - Family Skate Sunday**
- **May 12 - Mother's Day Skate**
- **May 18 - Hoffman Walks**
- **May 18 - National Kids to Parks Day**
- **May 18 - Free Fishing Clinic**
- **May 18 - Disc Golf Clinic**
- **May 18 - Parent's Night Out**
- **May 19 - Family Skate Sunday**

5/10/2019

Be sure to attend the Community Garage Sale at Seascope Family Aquatic Center this Saturday May 11th. The event starts at 9am and runs until 2pm. While there grab a slice of Pizza from Garibaldi's as they will have concession setup for the event.

Upcoming Events

- [May 11 - Early Learning & Care \(ELC\) Open House](#)
- [May 11 - Community Garage Sale](#)
- [May 12 - Family Skate Sunday](#)
- [May 12 - Mother's Day Skate](#)
- [May 18 - Hoffman Walks](#)
- [May 18 - National Kids to Parks Day](#)
- [May 18 - Free Fishing Clinic](#)
- [May 18 - Disc Golf Clinic](#)
- [May 18 - Parent's Night Out](#)
- [May 19 - Family Skate Sunday](#)
- [May 19 - Try Ice Skating for Free](#)
- [May 25 - Seascope Opening Day](#)

Kid's To Park Day

Kids to Park Day is May 18th and will take place at three different location; Black Bear Park, Huntington Park and Victoria Park. All three sites will start off with park cleanups from 9am-10am and the real fun starts at 10am and runs until noon. Mayor McLeod will be at Black Bear Park at 10am to get the festivities started.

Ice Rink Renovation

The thawing process is moving along and recently the contractors have increased the temperature to the heating mats . The thawing was slow moving as expected up until this week but now we are starting to see the temperatures rise above 32 degree's. Getting this point takes time since it was completely frozen. The first two feet of soil are reading around 50 degrees and then from three feet to sixteen feet we are just above 32 degrees. Now that we have reached the freezing mark we should see temperature rise steadily over the next week. Once were are all thawed out the next step is concrete removal for the new heat mains to both rinks.

5/17/2019

Upcoming Events

- [May 18 - Hoffman Walks](#)
 - [May 18 - National Kids to Parks Day \(Black Bear, Huntington & Victoria\)](#)
 - [May 18 - Free Fishing Clinic](#)
 - [May 18 - Disc Golf Clinic](#)
 - [May 18 - Yoga & Mimosas – Hideaway](#)
 - [May 18 - Parent's Night Out](#)
 - [May 19 - Family Skate Sunday](#)
 - [May 19 - Try Figure Skating for Free](#)
 - [May 25 - Seascape Opening Day](#)
 - [May 26 - Family Skate Sunday](#)
 - [Jun 1 - Try Hockey for FREE!](#)
 - [Jun 4 - Teacher Tuesday at Seascape](#)
- Congrats to Colleen Palmer!**

Congratulations to Superintendent of Recreation, Colleen Palmer. She will be the Assistant Director of Recreation at the Palatine Park District. She will remain on staff for two more weeks.

5/24/2019

Upcoming Events

- [May 25 - Seascape Opening Day](#)
- [May 26 - Family Skate Sunday](#)
- [Jun 1 - Try Hockey for FREE!](#)
- [Jun 4 - Teacher Tuesday at Seascape](#)
- [Jun 5 - Scott R. Triphahn Celebri-Tee Golf Fundraiser](#)
- [Jun 6 - Summer Sounds – R-GANG](#)
- [Jun 12 - Noodle Nights at SEASCAPE](#)
- [Jun 13 - Summer Sounds – Hopper Jazztet](#)
- [Jun 14 - Friday Funday with Magician Steve Belliveau](#)
- [Jun 15 - Hoffman Walks – Invasive Plants in Your Backyard](#)
- [Jun 15 - Parent's Night Out](#)
- [Jun 16 - Father's Day Pool Party](#)

- *THUR. JUNE 27TH: REMINDER ABOUT THE PARK DISTRICT/FOUNDATION SOCIAL AT BPC FROM 6PM TO 7PM!*
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Georgeanna Mehr's Retirement Party June 6th

Please see attached invitation and let them know if you would like to attend.

MEMORANDUM NO. M19-056

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Craig Talsma, Executive Director
RE: Commissioner Mike Bickham's Vacated Term
DATE: May 22, 2019

Background

Commissioner Mike Bickham announced on May 21, 2019 that he and his family are moving out of state and he will be vacating his unexpired term as Park Board Commissioner effective June 1, 2019. The park board must officially declare the vacated term.

Implications

Following the declared vacated term of Commissioner Bickham, the board needs to start the process of selecting an individual to fill the unexpired term for two years. All individuals interested in filling the unexpired term should submit a letter of interest to the board outlining their qualifications and why they are interested in serving on the board. **The deadline for the board to receive letters of interest will be June 14, 2019.** Letters of interest can be mailed or delivered to the Hoffman Estates Park District, Attn: Executive Director's Office, 1685 W Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates 60169, or can be emailed to jkaczmarek@heparks.org.

The board's review and evaluation of the letters of interest and all subsequent interviews will be held in Executive Session as it is exempt by the *Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS120/2 Section 120/2 (c) (3), the selection process of a person to fill a public office as defined by the Open Meetings Act when the public body is given the power to appoint under law.*

Recommendation

The board declare Commissioner Mike Bickham's unexpired term as vacated as of June 1, 2019 and to start the process of filling the unexpired term as noted above.

MEMORANDUM NO. M19-054

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Craig Talsma, Executive Director
Dustin Hugen, Director Parks, Planning & Maintenance
RE: Official Naming of Bergman Pointe Park
DATE: May 22, 2019

Background

In March 2019, the board approved renaming the park within the Bergman Pointe Subdivision “Bergman Pointe Park”, pending the required 60 day waiting period.

Implications

As the 60 day waiting period has been met with no objections, staff is requesting that the board officially rename the park within the Bergman Pointe Subdivision “Bergman Pointe Park”.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve naming the park within the Bergman Pointe Subdivision, “*Bergman Pointe Park*”.