

MINUTES
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
May 21, 2024

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Buildings & Grounds Committee was held on May 21, 2024, at 7:01 p.m. at Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner MacGregor, Comms Rep Poeschel, Sernett and Utas,

Absent: Chairman Kaplan, Comm Rep Macdonald

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Deputy Director Bechtold, Director of Parks, Planning and Maintenance Hugen, Director of Recreation Miletic, Executive Assistant Flynn, IT Specialist Hassler

Audience: President Chhatwani, Commissioners Dressler, Friedman and McGinn; Comm Reps Beranek, Bettencourt, Henderson and Pilafas; Kimberly Barton

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Comm Rep Sernett made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Utas to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

Commissioner MacGregor recognized Ian Macdonald for six years of service; and Joe Utas for 10 years of service, both as Community Representatives. Joe will not be returning for the next year, and everyone thanked him for his time with the Committee.

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

A. Parks, Planning & Maintenance Board Report / M24-040

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Sernett, to include the Parks, Planning & Maintenance May Board Report in the May Executive Director's Report.

Director Hugen noted that a successful clearing was completed at Black Bear Park of the pragmites, which grow in extremely low amounts of water. If we have a dry summer, it will be shoreline. Staff will re-seed to a more desirable plant, but the area will re-grow with vegetation. It will sprout in two to three weeks with some rain.

Comm Rep Utas asked how Seascape looks. Director Hugen said everything is up and running and ready for opening weekend.

Comm Rep Poeschel asked is Thor Guard is installed at every park. Director Hugen said no, but at multiple locations, including Seascape, the golf course, and parks with major sports complexes (Cannon, South Ridge, Fabbrini, Victoria and Huntington).

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Comm Rep Sernett said she was happy to have some nice weather to enjoy the parks.

Comm Rep Utas said thank you for the opportunity to serve the past ten years. He has learned a lot and is proud to be part of the #1 district in Illinois. He is looking forward to seeing what is next.

Comm Rep Poeschel said staff has been busy getting ready for the season, and everything looks good.

Commissioner MacGregor thanked staff for the work at Black Bear Park.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Poeschel made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Utas to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant