

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
May 21, 2024

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on May 21, 2024, at 7:12 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Commissioner Dressler, Commissioner Friedman, Comm Reps Beranek, Bettencourt, Henderson and Pilafas

Absent:

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

Audience: President Chhatwani, Commissioners McGinn and MacGregor, Kimberly Barton, and Wolf Peddinghaus

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

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

4. Comments from the Audience:

None

5. Old Business:

None

6. **New Business:**

A. Seascope Aquatic Feature / M24-041

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman to restore a 2- to 5-year-old water feature at Seascope for a cost not to exceed \$15,000, rather than replacing the unit as originally planned.

Director Huguen said the 2- to 5-year-old play feature in the water at Seascope was planned to be completely removed this fall with a budget of \$80,000. Prices have gone up considerably. Staff met with the company that refurbished our other units; they said they could extend the life for three- to five years, after which time we can replace it with a feature that will give us a wow factor at that point.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Recreation Board Report / M24-039

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to forward the May Recreation Board Report to be included in the May Executive Director's Report.

Director Miletic highlighted the following.

- Superintendent Barton announced that we were awarded a \$4,000 Protect Swimmers grant from the DuPage County Health Department to help 3- to 5-year-olds receive free swimming lessons.
- The Recreation staff has been very busy: tonight alone we have preschool graduation, open house for camp, and Seascope training.
- This past Saturday we had the Community Garage Sale and the Kids to Parks Day, both with excellent turnout.
- The dance recital was held at Hoffman Estates High School on April 18.
- Seascope will open Saturday, May 25.

Executive Director Talsma thanked Director Huguen and his crew for getting the splash pads open the week before the pool opens.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Facilities and Marketing Board Report / M24-042

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt, to forward the Facilities & Marketing May Board Report to be included in the May Executive Director's Report.

Deputy Director Bechtold highlighted the following from the report:

- Memberships are increasing at The Club, and Student Summer Passes are selling well too, despite Planet Fitness offering free summer memberships for students.
- More hockey tournaments are coming to Triphahn Center thanks to staff efforts.

Commissioner Friedman noted that Rolling Meadows is entering into an agreement for some kind of tournament. Deputy Director Bechtold said that we had been contacted as well.

Executive Director Talsma said that with the new staff in place, both with the Rec and Ice departments, everything is going very well.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Committee Member Comments:

Chairman Dressler recognized Comm Rep Beranek for four years of service.

Comm Rep Pilafas said great news on the swimming grant; he knows those skills are very important. Also, he has been to Bridges lately; has had a great experience and is taking lessons and has directed more people to Toptracer and the course.

8. Adjournment:

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Pilafas to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant