

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING NO. 1103
August 27, 2024

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Board of Commissioners was held on August 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: President Chhatwani, Commissioners Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan, MacGregor, and McGinn

Absent:

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Deputy Director Bechtold, Director of Administration & Finance Hopkins, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Executive Assistant Flynn, Superintendent of IT Agudelo

Audience: Comm Reps Dowling, Harner, Wilson, Winner, and Pilafas, Carl and Rachel Bormet, Carl Bormet, Jr (phone), Meg and John Myalls, Hanna Conley

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda:

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

4. Recognition

President Chhatwani recognized Carl Bormet, Jr. as the Best of Hoffman for the second quarter 2024. His parents, Carl and Rachel Bormet, were present to accept the award on his behalf.

5. Comments from the Audience:

Hanna Conley and Meg and John Myalls, residents of the Haverford Community in Hoffman Estates spoke regarding the Triangle Reserve property on the corner of Shoe Factory and Essex.

The concern was the property was 90% weeds (mostly thistle), but they understood the property was supposed to be a pollinator area. They counted only a few plants that would support butterflies. They offered to walk the property with someone from the park district to discuss what would be a better use of the land, and asked if we had anyone on staff with knowledge of what the native plants would be versus weeds or invasive plants.

Executive Director Talsma stated that we do have a Land Definition Management Plan and will take a look at that to confirm what the assigned plan is. He added that we do have a horticulturalist on staff and others who are knowledgeable about the different levels of land management.

Ms. Conley and Ms. Myalls provided contact information for follow-up.

6. Recess for A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to recess the Board Meeting at 7:12 p.m. for the purpose of convening the A&F Committee meeting. The motion carried by voice vote.

7. Reconvene Following A&F Committee Meeting:

Commissioner MacGregor made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan to reconvene to the Regular Board Meeting at 7:33 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Comm Reps Harner, Pilafas, Musial, Wilson and Winner left the meeting.

8. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dressler to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held July 23, 2024.

The motion carried by voice vote.

9. Consent Agenda:

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McGinn to approve the consent agenda items A through J.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0

Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan, MacGregor, McGinn

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

- A. Hunters Ridge Renovation (OSLAD 2025) Final Plans, and Budget / M24-071 (see August B&G packet)
- B. Installation of New Park at Seascape / M24-072 (see August B&G packet)
- C. Ascension Sponsorship Agreement / M24-065 (see August Rec & Facilities packet)
- D. Balanced Scorecard / M24-073 (see August A&F packet)

- E. Open and Paid Invoice Register: \$1,011,912.97 (see August A&F packet)
- F. District-Wide Operations Statement and Revenue and Expenditure Report (see August A&F packet)
- G. Acceptance of B&G Minutes 6/18/2024 (see August B&G packet)
- H. Acceptance of Rec & Facilities Minutes 6/18/2024 (see August Rec & Facilities packet)
- I. Acceptance of A&F Minutes 7/23/2024 (see August A&F packet)
- J. Acceptance of Forward Planning Committee Minutes 4/16/2024 (see August FPC packet)

10. President's Report

President Chhatwani participated in the following events this past month:

- We Go Together kids back to school event in West Chicago. Families from West Chicago gathered to receive backpacks and fill them with school supplies.
- A block party in Hoffman Estates this past Sunday.
- Volunteer Appreciation event at Seascape.
- Celebrated 25 years with Bank of America – she noted that the park district plays an immense role in that. She takes things she learns in each role and implements them in the other.
- Foundation banking seminar at Elmhurst University for international students.
- Completed Better Money Habits Certification. She is now certified to teach young adults to senior living.
- Taught a literacy program to seniors on protecting them from spam and elderly abuse.

President Chhatwani thanked Director Huguen for the virtual park tour and thanked all the staff members for their work.

11. Adoption of Executive Director's Report:

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor, to adopt the Executive Director's Report as presented.

The motion carried by voice vote.

12. Old Business:

None

13. New Business:

A. OSLAD 2025 Resolution of Authorization / R24-003

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner MacGregor to approve a resolution accepting the Hunters Ridge Park Development Plans as presented with a budget of \$300,000 with matching funds from the OSLAD Grant of \$300,000 for a

total budget of \$600,000, and acknowledging the district has sufficient funds necessary to complete the pending OSLAD project within the specified timeframe.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0
Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan, MacGregor, McGinn
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

B. 2025 NWSRA Member Assessment / M24-075

Commissioner Evans made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedman to approve the NWSRA Member District Annual Assessment Resolution No. R24-004 ratifying the assessment for calendar year 2025 in the amount of \$340,726.66 as recommended by the Board of Trustees of NWSRA.

On a Roll Call: Carried 7-0-0
Ayes: 7 Chhatwani, Dressler, Evans, Friedman, Kaplan, MacGregor, McGinn
Nays: 0
Absent: 0

14. Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner McGinn said thank you for the virtual tour.

Commissioner MacGregor said thank you for the tour, and he hopes it is on the website. He also thanked staff for addressing the poison ivy at Black Bear.

Commissioner Friedman said that on Friday, there was not a baseball field available, but by the next morning, the field was lined, and he and 70 other people were very appreciative. He also thanked the board for honoring a former player, Carl Bormet Jr. He deserved the recognition.

Commissioner Evans thanked Director Huguen and Executive Director Talsma for getting back to him so quickly in response to a resident's question about memorial trees and other items. He directed the resident to the inquiry form on the website..

15. Adjournment:

Commissioner McGinn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kaplan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma
Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant