

MINUTES
RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
January 21, 2025

1. Roll Call:

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on January 21, 2025, at 7:17 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman MacGregor, Commissioner Dressler, Comm Reps Beranek, Henderson, and Kulkarni

Absent: Comm Reps Bettencourt and Ostermeyer

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, Kaplan, Friedman and Evans, Comm Rep Dowling

2. Approval of Agenda:

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

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Beranek, to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025, meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

4. Comments from the Audience:

Commissioner Kaplan announced that his daughter passed her veterinarian test!

5. Old Business:

None

6. **New Business:**

A. LifeFitness Spin Bike Purchase for The Club / M25-006

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kulkarni to recommend to the full board the approval to purchase LifeFitness Indoor Cycle Bikes and Accessories from LifeFitness through Sourcewell Contract #081120-LFF for a total of \$48,914.91.

Executive Director Talsma noted that many purchases are now available through the coop purchasing groups and we are not seeing as many bids.

Comm Rep Dowling asked how input was solicited from members for this purchase. Deputy Director Bechtold said they did bring in demos for the current class participants. The LifeFitness bike was the winner for both the participants and instructors.

Commissioner Evans asked if the classes usually fill. Deputy Director Bechtold said there will be 18 bikes and yes, they will likely fill, in which case we will add more classes.

There was a discussion about recumbent bikes for the spin classes, but these are not appropriate for this type of class. We do have them, as well as Pelotons, at The Club.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Fitness Equipment and Flooring Purchase for The Club / M25-006

Commissioner Dressler made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Kulkarni, to recommend to the full board the approval to purchase fitness equipment from Direct Fitness Solutions through the Sourcewell Contract #052324PCR for \$93,025.90. In addition, to purchase sports flooring and turf through OMNIA Contract #08-18 for \$49,654.44 for a grand total of \$142,680.34.

Executive Director Talsma explained that this is separate from the Spin Bike purchase. This is for the old tennis court area. Deputy Director Bechtold added that this will include four new weight racks, cardio equipment, and functional machines. The HIIT class will use this equipment in this new area, and when no class is going on, it will be open to all members. This finishes off the three tennis courts for the final renovation.

The committee discussed the expected completion date of mid-March; the Bluetooth sound system and new sound panels; and the younger characteristic of the membership.

The motion carried by voice vote.

C. Recreation Board Report and 4Q2024 Goals / M25-010

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to forward the January Recreation Board Report and 4th Quarter 2024 Goals to be included in the January Executive Director's Report.

Commissioner Friedman noted that with Will Lieb now being certified to teach CPR, who will he be teaching? Director Miletic explained that we run classes for in-house staff to make sure that all staff keep up their certification. Commissioner Friedman asked if Commissioners and Community Reps could be included in this training. Executive Director Talsma said we could look into that this year.

The motion carried by voice vote.

D. Facilities and Marketing Board Report and 4Q2024 Goals / M25-005

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Beranek, to forward the Facilities & Marketing January Board Report and 4th Quarter 2024 Goals to be included in the January Executive Director's Report.

Executive Director Talsma stated that we have been trying to get to pre-Covid numbers of 3,000 members and have reached that goal. For usage, we are at about 77%, with the industry standard at 35%:

Commissioner MacGregor noted that the open rates on email campaigns are phenomenal. Executive Director Talsma said that we have grown our C&M staff to four and the work they do has been a great help in that area.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Commissioner Dressler said someone asked about the racquetball court, and is the plan finalized. Executive Director Talsma said this will be presented at the February meeting.

Commissioner MacGregor said Happy New Year, and he is looking forward to attending the IAPD/IPRA Conference this week.

8. **Adjournment:**

Comm Rep Beranek made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma

Secretary

Cindy Flynn
Executive Assistant

The following questions were asked and answered via email prior to the meeting:

1. Any recumbent bikes for the spin room? Seems like maybe 1 or 2 would be a good idea, I know upright riding can be a challenge for some people. It might attract a few older people to the class, or allow for a less strenuous class for those looking for a challenge but are not able to comfortably use an upright bike.
Recumbent bikes can be a great option for some, they don't quite align with the traditional format and intensity of a spin class. Spin classes typically focus on high-energy, standing intervals, and the positioning of an upright bike is key for those movements. Introducing recumbent bikes might change the flow and structure of the class. Additionally, with limited space in the room, we're trying to maximize the number of upright spin bikes to accommodate as many participants as possible.
2. The sound system is not mentioned – seems like sound would be part of the same project and should be considered to give the committee an idea of total cost – speaking of, any other costly room improvements to get these spin bikes ready to use?
While the sound system is included in the total scope, it is not part of the vendor for this particular purchase. The overall cost for the project, including the sound system and any other necessary improvements, is expected to be within the \$51k budget. This will cover everything needed to get the spin bikes and the room fully prepared and ready for use.
3. Did regular participants at The Club spin class have any input in the new system, or opportunity to test drive a bike? I wondered how appealing the sprint position will be for an hour for most regular spinners, and how motivating colors will be. I find competition and calorie counts the most motivating.
Yes, we receive continual feedback from class participants, as well as the instructors. This feedback was used in the planning for the space.
4. May I take the 6-hour on-line course “ICG Coach by Color” to learn more about the concept?
Unfortunately, this course is only provided to the instructors.
5. Re: November 19, 2024 minutes. “Comm Rep Dowling said she appreciated seeing Commissioner Evans’ notes from the. conference in Atlanta, especially regarding street art.” To add: Craig reminded us that the mural at The Club was an outstanding example. Dowling readily agreed it gave the space palpable energy and spirit.
We do not record minutes verbatim, but we do try to capture the main message of the comment. The submitted minutes do capture the message.