

**MINUTES**  
**RECREATION & FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**October 21, 2025**

**1. Roll Call:**

A regular meeting of the Hoffman Estates Park District Recreation & Facilities Committee was held on October 21, 2025, at 7:56 p.m. at the Triphahn Center in Hoffman Estates, IL.

Present: Chairman Dressler, Comm Reps Aguilar, Bettencourt, P. Henderson, and Kulkarni

Absent: Commissioner MacGregor

Also Present: Executive Director Talsma, Deputy Director Bechtold, Director of Parks, Planning & Maintenance Hugen, Director of Recreation Sweeney, Director of Administrative Services Rivas, Executive Assistant Flynn

Audience: President Friedman, Commissioners Evans, Kaplan, McGinn, and Chhatwani, Comm Reps Dowling, and Kratochvil

**2. Approval of Agenda:**

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Aguilar, 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 Kulkarni, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2025, meeting as presented. The motion carried by voice vote.

**4. Comments from the Audience:**

None

**5. Old Business:**

None

6. **New Business:**

A. Recreation Board Report and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Goals / M25-088

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Aguilar, to forward the Recreation Board Report and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Goals to be included in the October Executive Director's Report.

Director Sweeney noted that the Haunted Hoffman Fest was postponed to October 25 due to weather, and reservations are still being made for the Trick or Treat Path.

Executive Director Talsma informed the committee that there would be a small memorial service for Kaz Mohan, former Commissioner at Bridges of Poplar Creek, on Saturday, October 25 at 1:00 p.m.. Craig Bernacki organized the event as well as the purchase of a memorial bench on the 4<sup>th</sup> hole of the golf course.

The motion carried by voice vote.

B. Facilities and Marketing Board Report and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Goals / M25-097

Comm Rep Henderson made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep Bettencourt, to forward the Facilities & Marketing October Board Report and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Goals to be included in the October Executive Director's Report.

President Friedman asked how the open house went at The Club. Deputy Director Bechtold said it went very well; staff added 45 new members as a result of the event.

Commissioner Kaplan asked if the shotgun numbers include open play. Deputy Director Bechtold said no, it only includes corporate and fundraising events that include food and beverage. Executive Director Talsma added that although weddings are down, the number of shotgun/golf events we have done has increased at a higher rate, and we bring in more profit from golf outings. Deputy Director Bechtold added that we have opened up Saturday afternoon time slots as well, keeping regular morning tee times intact.

The motion carried by voice vote.

7. **Committee Member Comments:**

Comm Rep Aguilar said her family used the E-Sports facility often and asked why it closed. Executive Director Talsma said we did not get enough usage to pay the cost to run this. There are new concepts coming to this location. Currently HOTT Theater is using this location, and we are in the process of renovating the upstairs space.

Comm Rep P. Henderson said she is glad to be back.

Comm Reps Bettencourt and Kulkarni both said "great job" to staff.

**8. Adjournment:**

Comm Rep Bettencourt made a motion, seconded by Comm Rep P. Henderson to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. The motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Talsma  
Secretary

Cindy Flynn  
Executive Assistant