



HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners
Irwin Community Center
18120 Highland Avenue, Homewood, Illinois

Minutes of March 1, 2022

The Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Bachus. Commissioners Collins, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus were present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Superintendent of Recreation Mike Gianatasio, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Doug Boehm, Coyote Run Manager Tom Denklau, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Eileen Rohrer, Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Harwell, Treasurer Steve Ojode, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas and Secretary Anne Brabec. Commissioner Ojode was absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

OLD BUSINESS

a. Approval of Construction Management Services for the H-F Ice Arena

Director Kopas reviewed the terms for WB Olson's construction phase services for the Ice Arena, which include 4% of the hard construction costs as well the general conditions costs of the project incurred during the construction phase. Hard construction costs are estimated at \$4.5 million and general condition costs at \$213,000. If the project takes less than six months, the entire \$213,000 will not be charged.

Commissioner Collins moved to approve the Agreement for Construction Management Services with WB Olson in the amount of \$393,000 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement for the same, subject to attorney's final review and approval. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Collins, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

a. 2022-2023 Budget

Superintendent Garrity provided an overview of the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2022 - 2023.

Department budget discussions followed. Commissioners thanked staff for all of the work that went into preparing the budget.

During the Parks Budget presentation, Superintendent Boehm discussed the cost and recommended approach to turf care. He included information on Midwest Grows Green, a three-year program that includes a plan for treatments based on soil samples from parks. It is very expensive (2.5 – 4 times as much as the park district currently spends) and does not include a guarantee for weed-free grass. Its goal is just 15% weed tolerance for destination parks and 30% for other parks. Fall fertilizing is required, so the public would still see materials being spread.

Fertilization costs are predicted to increase one and a half to two times this year due to the current economy and supply issues, even if the park district continues with the same treatment methods used last year. The Board agreed that the park district will continue the current course of treatment and look

for a new company that will make sure to place notification flags appropriately. HFPD's marketing team will continue to provide notification of treatment dates via email and postings.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Kopas

Deborah Kopas, Secretary