



HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners

Goldberg Administration Center
3301 Flossmoor Rd., Flossmoor, IL 60422

Minutes of May 17, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bachus. Commissioners Johnson, Ojode and Bachus were present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Harwell, Marketing Manager Darren Jasieniecki, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Michelle Artis, Superintendent of Recreation Mike Gianatasio, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Treasurer Steve Ojode, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas and Secretary Anne Brabec. Commissioners Collins and Dennison were absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes - April 5, 2022 and April 19, 2022
- b. Resolution #651
A resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay wages and salaries of employees during fiscal year 2022-2023 and to make payment to the IMRF.
- c. Resolution #652
A resolution authorizing the Treasurer to authorize necessary petty cash funds for the combined corporate and operating funds of the District for the fiscal year 2022-2023.
- d. Core Values & Goals
A report from the Executive Director recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the 2022-23 Core Values and Goals for the Park District as presented.
- e. Standard & Poor's Global Ratings Services
A report from the Executive Director recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the engagement letter with Standard & Poor's Global Ratings in the amount of \$15,438, and authorize the Executive Director to sign and deliver same.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:02 pm, President Bachus called to order the public hearing on the 2022-2023 budget. Executive Director Kopas reviewed key items. There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Johnson moved to close the public hearing at 7:03 pm. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: None. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #750*
Director Kopas explained modifications made to the preliminary budget distributed in March include the Ice Arena project, actual amounts vs budgeted amounts due to staff adjustments, the removal of the Irwin Park

playground. The appropriation is set at 110% of the budgeted number as is standard procedure.

Commissioner Ojode moved to approve Ordinance #750, an ordinance adopting combined annual budget and appropriating such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023 and specifying the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for each object or purpose. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: None. Motion approved.

b. Ordinance #752

Director Kopas explained that Speer Financial recommended a parameters ordinance be done for this bond sale due to the volatile market to give them flexibility for securing the best rates.

Commissioner Ojode moved to approve Ordinance #752, an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$5,500,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) for park improvements, including renovations to the Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena, providing for the pledge of certain revenues to the payment of said bonds, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay such bonds if the pledged revenues are insufficient to make such payment and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Northland Securities, Inc., in connection with the proposed sale of said bonds. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: None. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution #653

President Bachus read aloud the resolution honoring and recognizing Dr. Von Mansfield.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the resolution honoring and recognizing Dr. Von Mansfield for his contributions to the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, Homewood-Flossmoor High School and the entire Homewood-Flossmoor Community. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioners had no comments or questions.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$485,611.34. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING April 30, 2021

COMMUNICATIONS – Board & Administrator – May 2022 and Standard & Poor’s final report

DIRECTOR’S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Executive Director Kopas

- Big shout out to Karen, Lyndsay and Cheryl this month. Karen is operating extremely short staffed and Lyndsay is working on accounts payable. We have a new person who is working tonight on payroll with her predecessor who came back to help. Cheryl is helping with new employee onboarding. Another indication of how she is amazed on a regular basis by the park district team.
- The Flossmoor Veteran’s Memorial will be placed in a narrow strip of land between Park Place and the railroad’s property, which is not park district property. Funds are still being raised for this project.
- Eileen Rohrer’s last day before retiring is June 30, and a gathering is being planned for that evening.
- There have been nice postings, including a video, about Homewood Estates Park.

Commissioner Ojode

- Great that the Homewood Estates milestone project is just about complete
- Nice to see that updated designs for Leavitt Park are in the works
- Welcome to Nicole
- Nice to see the community participation at Park Pride
- Appreciated Doug’s response to her question about what types of fish are in Dolphin Lake
- Glad to see the park district attending the Farmer’s Markets

Commission Johnson

- Echoes Commissioner Ojode’s thanks for Park Pride; glad to see it coming back after the hiatus and appreciates all the work that went into making that happen
- Thank you to Karen and Lyndsay and everyone for all of their extra efforts. Hopefully there will soon be light at the end of the tunnel

Commissioner Bachus

- Echoes the thanks to everyone for all of the hard work
- Park Pride was excellent; thanks to all for the work that went into it
- Wondered if there was any “noise” after fertilizing; there was none

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Executive Director Kopas indicated that ballots were prepared from input received from the commissioners, with Commissioner Bachus running for the position of President and Commission Dennison for Vice President. Commissioners were invited to write-in a name if desired.

Ballots were tallied with Brent Bachus winning the vote as President and Debbie Dennison as Vice President. Commissioner Ojode moved to include the ballots in the board meeting minutes. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Ballots were cast as follows:

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| Commissioner Bachus: | Brent Bachus for President and Debbie Dennison for Vice President |
| Commissioner Johnson: | Brent Bachus for President and Debbie Dennison for Vice President |
| Commissioner Ojode: | Brent Bachus for President and Debbie Dennison for Vice President |

COMMITTEE APPONTMENTS

Committee appointments were postponed to the June meeting when more commissioners would be in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Kopas

Debbie Kopas, Secretary