



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

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

**Minutes of September 27, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bachus. Commissioners Collins, Dennison, Ojode and Bachus were present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Recreation Mike Gianatasio, Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Harwell, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Michelle Artis, Coyote Run Manager & Pro Tom Denklau, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Marketing & PR Manager Bob Birgel, RFC Program Supervisor Taylor LaRocca and Secretary Anne Brabec. Commissioner Johnson was absent.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – Executive Director Kopas introduced Racquet & Fitness Club Program Supervisor Taylor LaRocca. Resident Brent Bachus, representing the Hidden Gem Half Marathon, read a letter of thanks for the park district's support of the recent event.

**PRESENTATION** – Marketing & PR Manager Birgel showed a video highlighting Summer 2022 park district activities and events.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes August 16, 2022
- b. Resolution #654  
A Resolution by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District in Support of Homewood School District #153 Tax Referendum
- c. Ice Arena Change Orders  
A report from the Executive Director presenting three approved Change Orders for Board Information in accordance with the authority previously granted.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Ice Arena Roof Bid  
Executive Director reported that the budget for the ice arena roof is \$75,000 and the low bid received from Elens & Maichin is \$56,870. Two alternates were included in the bid in case of supply unavailability or delay, but are not recommended to be accepted unless they are needed.

Commissioner Collins moved to accept the bid from Elens & Maichin Roofing for the roofing scope of work at the Ice Arena in the amount of \$56,870 and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract for the same, subject to attorney final review and approval. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Collins, Dennison, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Commissioners had no comments or questions.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$1,015,208.50. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Collins, Dennison, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

## **PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING August 31, 2022**

Commissioners had no questions. Commissioner Bachus expressed kudos to Coyote Run and Wiley's for all they are doing to result in such a profitable month.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Board & Administrator – September 2022 and W.B. Olson Ice Arena Project Update

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Executive Director Kopas

- The concrete pour at the Ice Arena is scheduled for October 12 beginning at 7 am and will take four – five hours. Marketing plans to do a time-lapse posting of the day.
- Will be working with Superintendent Garrity this week to update the Human Resources Manager position, post it everywhere possible and aggressively work to fill the position. Please spread the word that the position is available.
- The new playground at Cedar Park opened today.

Commissioner Dennison

- Welcome to Taylor; as you have probably already figured out, you have landed at the right place.
- Just got back from NRPA; kudos to Oralethea Davenport and her co-presenters on their DEI presentation. It was wonderful to see people stop her and let her know how much they enjoyed it.
- Yay for Cedar Park!
- Thank you to Superintendents Gianatasio and Boehm for the leading the PDAC tour to several parks.
- Wondered how SmartRec is progressing; Superintendent Gianatasio reported that training just began the day before and will continue for 12 weeks.
- Brew & View was a great event.
- Nice to see the Irons Oaks survey results; thank you to Manager Vargo.
- Thank you to Manager Denklau and the Coyote Run staff for their non-stop work at the golf course.

Commissioner Ojode

- Thank you to Manager Birgel for the fun summer video.
- Welcome to Taylor and to Julie in the business office.
- Appreciates that the algae issue at Dolphin Lake is being addressed; the area is a highlight of the park district.
- Thanks to the Lions Club pool staff for doing so well on their audits.
- Echoes Commissioner Dennison's comments on the Irons Oaks surveys.

Commissioner Collins

- Nice work on a successful mum sale.
- Also attended Brew & View; had a long wait in line for the pound cake but it was well worth it.

- Enjoyed seeing what is new in parks and rec at NRPA, including playground equipment designed for all abilities and learning that a B for Belonging has been added to DEI so it is now DEIB.

Commissioner Bachus

- A big “ditto” on everything that has already been mentioned.
- Welcome to Taylor; very excited to have you here.
- Thank you for opening the Splash Pad on the remaining hot days; it was appreciated.
- Congratulations on another amazing pool season.
- The \$100,000 revenue for the month at Wiley’s is fabulous.
- Good to see the uptick in fitness center class attendance.
- Heartfelt thanks for all everyone does day in and day out.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Collins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Debbie Kopas*

Debbie Kopas, Secretary