



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

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

Minutes of May 16, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bachus. Commissioners Collins, Johnson and Ojode 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 Freeman, Coyote Run Manager & Pro Tom Denklaue, Marketing & PR Manager Bob Birgel, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Michelle Artis, Commissioner-Elect Angie Coderre and her wife Kim and daughter Kate, Commissioner Collins' husband James Collins, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas and Secretary Anne Brabec. Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo arrived at 7:37 pm. Commissioner Dennison was absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

Commissioners Bachus, Ojode and Johnson and Executive Director Kopas each expressed their appreciation to Commissioner Collins for her dedication to the park district board. Collins indicated that serving on the board gave her so much more than she ever would have thought and she will miss it, as it has been a very special part of her life. Bachus read a certificate of appreciation and indicated a tree will be planted in Irwin Park in honor of Collins' commitment to the community. Kopas presented her with a basket of Homewood-Flossmoor Park District swag.

SWEAR IN COMMISSIONERS BACHUS AND CODERRE

Executive Director Kopas swore in Commissioners Bachus and Coderre.

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 Commissioners Dennison and Ojode 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 Linda Ojode as Vice President. Commissioner Johnson moved to include the ballots in the board meeting minutes. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Ballots were cast as follows:

Commissioner Bachus:	Brent Bachus for President and Linda Ojode for Vice President
Commissioner Coderre:	Brent Bachus for President and Linda Ojode for Vice President
Commissioner Johnson:	Brent Bachus for President and Linda Ojode for Vice President
Commissioner Ojode:	Brent Bachus for President and Linda Ojode for Vice President

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes - April 10, 2023, April 13, 2023 and April 18, 2023

b. Resolution #658

A resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay wages and salaries of employees during fiscal year 2023-2024 and to make payment to the IMRF.

c. Resolution #659

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 2023-2024.

d. Fiscal 2023-24 Core Values & Goals

A report from the Executive Director recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider motion to approve the 2023-24 Core Values and Goals for the Park District as presented.

e. Personnel Policy 1.9 Anti-Nepotism

A report from the Executive Director recommending that the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve a waiver to Personnel Policy 1.9 Anti-Nepotism Policy allowing Bill Grasse to be hired as a Park District employee.

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

OLD BUSINESS

a. Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Budget

At 7:15 pm, President Bachus called to order the public hearing on the 2023-2024 budget.

Superintendent Garrity reviewed key items and indicated there were no significant changes from the preliminary budget. There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Ojode moved to close the public hearing at 7:17 pm. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: None. Motion approved.

b. Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #760*

There were no comments or questions.

Commissioner Ojode moved to approve Ordinance #760, 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, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024 and specifying the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for each object or purpose. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: None. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

a. PARC Grant Proposal for Work at Racquet & Fitness Club

Executive Director Kopas indicated that the deadline for the PARC Grant has changed to June 15, 2023. Two representatives from Wight Co. toured RFC with staff and made suggestions as to projects that could be favorable to include in the grant application. A timeline and a plan will be created. A public input meeting will be held at the Racquet & Fitness Club on Wednesday, May 17 and then Wight will develop a design and budget. Discussion took place regarding the dollar amount the park district would seek for the grant.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the proposal from Wight Co., of Darien, Illinois, for conceptual design and PARC Grant application services in the amount of \$21,500, subject to attorney review, and to

authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, 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 \$1,077,613.22. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING April 30, 2023

Director Kopas mentioned that the presented report was a fiscal year-end preliminary report. Commissioner Johnson commented on revenues vs. expenses that are very impressive across the board. Commissioner Bachus added that it is amazing that we are closing in on a million dollars in revenue at Wiley's.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Kopas

- Happy to have Angie here.

Commissioner Ojode

- Welcome to Angie.
- Thank you to staff; it's always so nice to see everyone's contributions to the park district.

Commissioner Johnson

- Welcome to Angie; so glad to have her on the board and look forward to working with her in the years ahead.
- Thank you again to Dallas.
- Glad that the park district attended court for the damage done at Apollo; it is important that we make sure it is known there are consequences to these actions.

Commissioner Bachus

- So good to hear that Lions Pool is fully staffed.
- Excited for PRIDE Starry Nights; it's so good to bring groups together to work on events like this one.
- Congrats on a good Park Pride.
- Thank you for everyone's quick work to pull everything together for the PARC Grant application.
- Provided an update on the Heather Hill drainage project that would use park district land where the tennis courts now sit. A resident has requested that the Village of Flossmoor exhaust all other options before removing the tennis courts. The Village will be attending upcoming School District 161 and Park District Board meetings to present their plan.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Commissioners decided upon their committee appointments for 2022-2023:

Recreation
Racquet & Fitness Club
Ice Arena
Irons Oaks
Golf

Linda Ojode and Angie Coderre
Angie Coderre and Steve Johnson
Steve Johnson and Debbie Dennison
Brent Bachus and Debbie Dennison
Linda Ojode and Brent Bachus

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Kopas

Debbie Kopas, Secretary