



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

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

Minutes of August 15, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bachus. Commissioners Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Ojode were present. Also present were Executive Director Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Recreation Mike Gianatasio, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Patrick McAneney, Marketing Manager Bob Birgel, Coyote Run Manager & Pro Tom Denklau, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Michelle Artis, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Irwin Center Manager Oralethea Davenport and Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – A song was added to the agenda, and the meeting began with everyone singing “Happy Birthday” to Bob Birgel.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes July 18, 2023

b. Dental Insurance Renewal

A report from the Human Resources Manager recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the proposed policy from MetLife Dental for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

c. Life Insurance Renewal

A report from the Human Resources Manager recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to motion to approve the policy proposed by MetLife to provide a \$100,000 life insurance plan for all full-time employees for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

d. Vision Insurance Renewal

A report from the Human Resources Manager recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the policy proposed by EyeMed Vision Insurance for all full-time employees for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2025.

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Medical Insurance Renewal

Executive Director Boehm explained that he and Human Resources Manager Rose met with Bill Novak from Vista National Insurance to review the renewal proposal from Blue Cross/Blue Shield as well as the quote submitted from United Healthcare. The plan from BCBS results in a decrease of .07% for the renewal period, for approximately \$51,000 below budget, since the budget was for a 20% increase over last year’s cost. Boehm indicated that when possible, the park district has continued with the plan already in place so employees do not have to adjust their medical providers due to a change in insurance.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the renewal of the current Blue Cross/Blue Shield HMO and HSA/PPO employee medical insurance policies for October 2023 through September 2024. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. Resolution #662 - Property Tax Assessment Appeal

Director Boehm reported that the park district was notified that H-F High School is intervening in a property tax assessment appeal concerning the Meijer store in Flossmoor, and the school would welcome the support of the park district. Under the Property Tax Appeals Board rules, in order for the park district to intervene, a resolution must be passed. A similar resolution was passed in 2021 when the Target store in Homewood was reassessed.

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve Resolution #662 providing the authority for Robbins Schwartz to intervene on the Park District's behalf in property tax assessment appeals. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, 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 \$622,458.73. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING July 31, 2023

COMMUNICATIONS – Board & Administrator – August 2023

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- Manager Birgel had his personal Facebook account hacked, which then affected the park district Facebook pages he manages. With the help of a contact of Manager Davenport, he is working with Facebook to get the park district pages back. The Coyote Run, Irons Oaks and H-F Racquet & Fitness Club pages were not affected.
- The Goldberg receptionist position has been filled and Ebony Love, who has been a part-time employee at both Wiley's and RFC, will begin on August 28. The Goldberg doors will reopen to the public on the Tuesday after Labor Day.
- With the golf tournament in Olympia Fields this week, combined with Irons Oaks' normal chaotic schedule, the Parks Department will be working with Manager Vargo to ensure traffic and parking are as good as possible for our clients.
- Village of Flossmoor has determined that the value of the Heather Hills property and tennis courts is \$425,000, which is in line with the estimates obtained for building new courts.

Commissioner Dennison

- The new pickleball courts look beautiful. Commissioner Bachus added that he's received a lot of positive feedback on them.
- Thank you for opening Goldberg.
- Enjoyed reading about the Make a Wish event held at Irwin. Thank you to staff for helping with it.
- Kudos to the pool for their three five-star audits, and happy that the pool will be open this weekend.
- There were great Stomping Grounds field trips this year, and great numbers on the teen camps and the teen night at the pool.

Commissioner Coderre

- Attended the adult night at the splash pad for the first time; hadn't realized there would be games, prizes, a DJ and so much more.
- It can't be overstated how much work goes into transitioning between seasons, like moving from camps to preschool at the Irwin Center. It is appreciated.

Commissioner Ojode

- Thank you to staff; it was such a busy summer.
- Welcome to Ebony; glad to see the park district is promoting talent from within.
- Wish we could get more people involved in helping to keep garbage out of the parks. Maybe the Green Teams from the junior highs and high school could be contacted.
- Excited about the new committees.
- Asked about the new sign at Irons Oaks; Manager Vargo explained that the location had to be moved a bit due to the gas pipeline. Thanks to Parks for the installation, it looks great.

Commissioner Johnson

- Appreciate all of the spruce-up work done at Park Place.
- Glad to see there's collaboration with H-F High School, both getting the wood for Hobo Jungle and meeting with Scott Wakeley.
- Congratulations on the Irons Oaks camp numbers.

Commissioner Bachus

- Loves that we are starting new events aimed at teens; 85 plus for a pool event is a great number.
- The Board is all very excited that Goldberg is reopening.
- He and Patrick attended the Veteran's Memorial groundbreaking; it was very well attended.
- Attended the Irons Oaks meeting earlier today; has a trivia question for the Board. How many box lunches did Wiley's make for Irons Oaks participants this month? Commissioner Coderre guessed 700, and the actual count was 709.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Boehm

Doug Boehm, Secretary