



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

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

**Minutes of September 5, 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, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Harwell, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Michelle Artis, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Information Systems Coordinator Chuck Yucuis, Recreation Supervisor Dyana Metheny, *H-F Chronicle* reporter Marilyn Thomas and Secretary Anne Brabec.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – Executive Director Boehm introduced Recreation Supervisor Dyana Metheny.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

a. 2023 Sealcoating

A report from the Superintendent of Parks & Planning recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the proposal from Pavement Systems in the amount of \$22,125.58 for the 2023 sealcoating work at the Irwin Community Center and H-F Racquet & Fitness Club.

b. Status of the 2023-2024 Core Values & Goals

c. Recreation Winter Fees & Charges

A report from the Superintendent of Recreation recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the Recreation Winter 2024 Fees & Charges as presented.

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.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS**

a. IT Update

Director Boehm introduced Information Systems coordinator Chuck Yucuis who reviewed the history of the park district's IT systems, including software, networks, servers, security, replacement/upgrades and hardware. Yucuis continued with preliminary plans for the future, which will be discussed further for consideration during budgeting.

b. Irwin Park

Director Boehm indicated that the Irwin Park playground is scheduled for replacement next year. Staff have discussed possibilities for the location, and as Irwin is the district's destination showcase park, hiring a design company to provide new and fresh ideas for it could be beneficial. Commissioners were in favor of obtaining design input and asked that several realistic, tiered priced options be presented.

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

Executive Director Boehm

- Brew & View is Friday night at Irwin.

- The Hidden Gem is Saturday.
- Racquet & Fitness Club membership was up 26 from the week prior.
- Shout out to staff for jumping in to help after the resignation of the Food & Beverage Manager. Very proud of everyone for stepping up and helping to make the best of the situation. Interviews for a new manager have begun and will continue until the right person is found. Oralethea Davenport is now handling The Clubhouse and Tom Denklau the food and beverage. Anne will continue to take Clubhouse phone calls. It was an interesting first weekend but we made it through.
- Will be on vacation next week.

Commissioner Dennison

- Really enjoyed seeing the new recreation offerings for the winter. It has been many years since we have offered a ski and snowboarding trip and she is glad to see it return. There are also great ideas for seniors.

Commissioner Johnson

- No additional comments.

Commissioner Coderre

- The clapping as she walked in must have been because today is her birthday.

Commissioner Ojode

- Thank you to staff for always coming through.

Commissioner Bachus

- Echoes the thank you to staff for chipping in and making everything work through a tough time.
- To Dyana, welcome to the team; you will enjoy everything about this park district, because we certainly do.
- Chuck, thank you for your time today. That was more on IT than we have heard in five or six years.
- A big thank you to everyone for all that they do to make the Gem happen. From volunteers to bleachers, the use of Park Place, and more, he is very proud of the Park District and the help it provides to make this little crazy dream work. There are 1,072 runners registered, because after registration closed at 1,000, 72 elite runners from across the country were given spots. Their target time is an hour and four minutes.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:58 pm, Commissioner Dennison moved to enter in the Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(1) discussion of the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; and 2(c)(11) discussion of pending, probable or imminent litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the District. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Coderre moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Doug Boehm*

Doug Boehm, Secretary