



HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
Committee Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners
Goldberg Administration Center
3301 Flossmoor Road, Flossmoor, IL 60422

Minutes of October 3, 2023

The Committee Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bachus. Commissioners Coderre, Johnson and Bachus were present. Also present were Executive Director Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Recreation Mike Gianatasio, Recreation Supervisor Jennah Carlson, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas, Resident Andrew Schwartz and his son Nate Schwartz, and Secretary Anne Brabec. Commissioners Dennison and Ojode were absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – Andrew Schwartz asked the park district to consider lighted outdoor tennis courts, possibly in conjunction with H-F High School or at Flossmoor Park since fields are already lit there. He'd also like to see expanded communication with School District 153 with the hope that program offerings and participation could increase. Nate Schwartz would like to see the Apollo Park restrooms open year-round.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

a. Lions Club Pool 2023 Recap

Superintendent Gianatasio introduced Supervisor Carlson, who gave a recap of the 2023 Lions Club Pool season. Commissioners asked questions and provided input.

b. Starry Nights

Superintendent Gianatasio reviewed a brief history of Starry Nights. He described the two events held this year, a PRIDE celebration in conjunction with the Villages of Flossmoor and Homewood, and a concert that opened with a children's entertainer and activities. Both were well received and would be continued with fresh, evolving ideas and new names.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- A new Food & Beverage Manager has been hired and will start on Monday. He has an extensive food and beverage background and was previously the manager of Doc's Smokehouse in Dyer.
- We received news that the EAV dropped from \$620 million to \$606 million.
- Next week Oralethea, Cheryl, Bob, Mike and he will be at the NRPA conference in Dallas. Tom Denklau will be in charge in his absence.
- Parks has removed the playground at Heritage Park. Hopefully the new equipment will be installed later this week or early next week.
- Every full-time employee is receiving a DEI polo shirt like those given to commissioners tonight. Part-time staff members will get a t-shirt. It's exciting for everyone to have the same shirt and we're looking forward to wearing them together on designated days.

Commissioners had no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Coderre moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Boehm

Doug Boehm, Secretary