



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

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

Minutes of December 19, 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 Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Patrick McAnaney, Marketing Manager Bob Birgel, Coyote Run Manager Tom Denklauf, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Michelle Artis, Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Freeman, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Irwin Center Manager Oralethea Davenport, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose and Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. 2024 Board Meeting Schedule
Proposed Board committee meeting and regular meeting dates for 2024.
- b. Full-Time Salary Guidelines 2024
A report from the Human Resources Manager recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the revised full-time compensation structure as presented.
- c. Travel Expense Approval for IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference
A report from the Superintendent of Finance & Administration recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider motion to approve maximum travel expenses for the staff and commissioners listed for the IAPD/IPRA Soaring to New Heights Conference in Chicago from January 25 - 27, 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$18,272.
- d. Ordinance #768
An Ordinance abating the tax hereto levied for the year 2023 to pay the principal of and interest on the General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2014B, General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021B, and General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022A, of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, Cook County, Illinois.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. General Illinois Association of Park Districts Credentials
The Board is asked to select a delegate and alternate to attend the Annual IAPD Business Meeting to be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024. A motion is requested.

Commissioner Ojode moved to nominate Angie Coderre as delegate and Debbie Dennison as alternate to attend the Annual IAPD Business Meeting to be held on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Commissioner Johnson

seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved. Vice President Ojode volunteered to be second alternate.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioners had no comments or questions.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$1,369,788.89. Commissioner Coderre 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 November 30, 2023

Commissioners had no comments or questions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- There were 200+ at Skate with Santa this past Saturday.
- Irons Oaks is preparing for the inaugural Light Up the Oaks this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
- There is nothing new regarding the Heather Hills property transfer while we wait for the Village of Flossmoor to hold one more public meeting.
- The park district offices will be closed for the holidays on both Monday and Tuesday the next two weeks.
- The next Board Committee meeting is January 9.
- Golf continues to be popular in December when the weather cooperates.
- RFC is working with the Marketing Department and will introduce a new campaign January 1.
- Rec keeps rolling from one season to the next.

Commissioner Ojode

- It was an amazing year. Liked seeing the seniors interact again with the high schoolers.
- Happy holidays to everyone and their families.

Commissioner Coderre

- It's amazing that we welcomed a new executive director this year. There were a lot of changes and everyone rolled with it and delivered excellence. Thank you on behalf of the H-F community; you knocked it out of the park.

Commissioner Dennison

- It was so wonderful to see the collaboration between the seniors and H-F students at the Santa letter writing event. It was really great and she was glad she got to participate.
- Thank you to the social committee for planning a nice holiday party. It was neat to see so many staff there together having a good time. Appreciated that feedback was requested from those who attended.
- Thank you to Rec for coordinating so many holiday activities for the people of our community.
- Looking forward to Light Up the Oaks; good to see some sections already sold out.
- Happy holidays to each and every one!

Commissioner Johnson

- Happy holidays and thank you!

Commissioner Bachus

- Missed everyone the last few weeks when he wasn't able to attend meetings or the holiday party.
- His last interaction was Holiday Lights in Homewood, and that was amazing. He knows how much work went into it and it's cool to see how many people from the community come out and get a kick

out of it. Lots of fun.

- Thank you for everything you do. You make the park district an amazing place, which is one of the reasons people move to Homewood-Flossmoor and you're a big part of that. It's not lost on us how much of a contribution you make to the quality of everybody's life in this neighborhood. So, thank you for everything. Hope you all have a wonderful, wonderful holiday, celebrate it in whatever way you want, and enjoy a little down-time and R&R. We look forward to continuing to roll again in 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ojode moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Boehm

Doug Boehm, Secretary