



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

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

Minutes of January 16, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bachus. Commissioners Coderre, Dennison, and Johnson 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 McAneney, Marketing Manager Bob Birgel, Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Freeman, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Irwin Center Manager Oralethea Davenport, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas and Secretary Anne Brabec. Commissioner Ojode was absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. 2024 Approval of Minutes - December 5, 2023 and December 19, 2023
- b. 2023 Donation Report
A report from the Executive Secretary summarizing donations for the calendar year 2023.
- c. Status of the 2023-2024 Core Values & Goals
- d. Grant Report
A report from the Superintendent of Finance & Administration listing the grants that were applied for and received in 2023.
- e. Cancellation Policy
A report from the Superintendent of Recreation recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to adopt the updated Cancellation/Refund Policy as proposed.
- f. Irons Oaks Fees & Charges
A report from the Irons Oaks Manager recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the Irons Oaks Fees & Charges as presented, effective immediately.
- g. Combined Amended Budget and Reappropriation Ordinance #769
A report from the Superintendent of Finance & Administration recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to place Reappropriation Ordinance #769 on display beginning January 17, 2024 and to set the Public Hearing Date for February 20, 2024.
- h. Rover's Run Dog Park
A report from the Superintendent of Recreation recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to change Rover's Run from a membership-based amenity to a free amenity as proposed.

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

OLD BUSINESS

a. Irwin Park Update

Executive Director Boehm presented three initial plan options for Irwin Park. The park district will continue working with Upland Designs on these options, and when available, the application process for an OSLAD grant.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioners had no comments or questions.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$1,536,289.93. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

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

Commissioners had no comments or questions.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- Superintendent McAneney reported on the weather-related issues at the Ice Arena which he and Maintenance Supervisor Andrew Presnak addressed on Sunday. No equipment was damaged and knowledge was gained for preventing future issues when temperatures are so low. Open Skate scheduled for that day had to be canceled, but the rink reopened for the open skate on Monday, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
- On Monday, Manager Denklau discovered weather-related issues at the Coyote Run clubhouse/Wiley's. Superintendent McAneney is working on solutions. Wiley's was closed on Tuesday due to frozen pipes in the men's washroom.
- The Flossmoor outdoor ice rinks froze quickly and are open to skaters – at least until the above-freezing temperatures hit next week!
- The Ice Arena is hosting a Youth Hockey Day on Sunday. It concludes with an alumni game made up of former players who are now in high school.
- Thursday night is the SSSRA Athletic Banquet at Wiley's.
- Spoke with Bridget Wachtel at the Village of Flossmoor; they are holding two community meetings next week concerning the Heather Hills property project.
- Working on the content for the February 6 goals meeting.
- Will be out of the office next week for a procedure at the start of the week and then the IAPD/IPRA Conference Thursday - Saturday. Manager Vargo will be in charge through Wednesday, and then Manager Denklau once he returns from the PGA Conference on Thursday.

Commissioner Dennison

- As she was reading the updates for the month, it was interesting to see that the park district never rests. Staff go from mowing the lawn to preparing for snow to thinking about summer and repairing picnic benches. There is no rest for the weary, so thank you, all.

Commissioner Coderre

- Loved the great support on MLK Day at Irwin, Irons Oaks and Park Place. It was great to see the Park District show up for the community.

Commissioner Johnson

- No additional comments.

Commissioner Bachus

- Learned at the Irons Oaks committee meeting this evening that there were 40+ volunteers and another dozen or so students there for MLK Day. Loved seeing that so many people came out despite the cold weather.
- Even with the rainy weather, it was so great to see that so many people still went to walk Light Up the Oaks.
- Thank you all for everything you do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:33 pm, Commissioner Coderre moved to enter in the Executive Session for the purpose of purpose of 2(c)(21) discussion of minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 7:46 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval and Reclassification of Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve and declassify the executive session minutes for July 18, 2023 and section 2(c)(1) of the minutes for September 5, 2023. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve and that the need for confidentiality still exists for section 2(c)(11) of the executive session minutes for September 5, 2023. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Johnson moved to declassify the minutes for July 17, 2012; May 17, 2016; July 5, 2016; July 19, 2016; November 19, 2019; December 3, 2019; March 21, 2023; and April 10, 2023. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Dennison moved that the need for confidentiality still exists to all or part of the minutes for January 21, 2020; March 26, 2023; March 28, 2023; April 13, 2023; and April 18, 2023. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Coderre moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doug Boehm

Doug Boehm, Secretary