



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

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

Minutes of April 16, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Bachus after he gave a brief welcome to those in attendance, introduction of those seated at the head table, and an outline of how the meeting will proceed.

Commissioners Dennison, Johnson and Bachus were present. Also present were Executive Director Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Patrick McAneney, Superintendent of Recreation Mike Gianatasio, Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Freeman, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Irwin Center Manager Oralethea Davenport, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Michelle Artis, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel, Secretary Anne Brabec, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas, Flossmoor Mayor Michelle Nelson and Visitors Suzanne Conferti, Heidi Cuesta, Deven Gibbs, Patrick J. Keating, Nancy Rice, Patricia Schmidt, Jean Spain, Maura Teresko and Kate Thierry. Commissioners Coderre and Ojode were absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Patrick Keating, Patricia Schmidt, Kate Thierry, Jean Spain, Nancy Rice, Maura Teresko and Heidi Cuesta all spoke opposing the Village of Flossmoor's plan to build a detention pond near Heather Hill School and encouraging the Park District to delay their decision to sell the Heather Hill Park property to the Village for this purpose.

Flossmoor Mayor Michelle Nelson then provided clarification regarding some of the comments that had been made and gave some additional information. President Bachus thanked everyone for taking their time to share their thoughts and concerns and extended an open invitation to attend Board meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes - March 5, 2024 and March 19, 2024
- b. Summer 2024 Bus Transportation Service
A report from the Superintendent of Recreation recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the proposal from Kickert for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District transportation services for summer 2024.
- c. Status of 2023-2024 Core Values & Goals
- d. The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake Rental Fees
A report from the Superintendent of Recreation recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the new rental fee structure for The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake as presented effective June 1, 2024.

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

OLD BUSINESS

a. Heather Hill Park

Executive Director Boehm provided background information from the park district's standpoint of the Village of Flossmoor's request to purchase the Heather Hill Park property.

He indicated that new tennis and/or pickleball courts will be built at Highlands Park, which is about a half mile away. A community meeting will be held to determine which the residents would like, as well as other amenities to the park so that the entire \$425,000 received from the purchase of the land will all go back into the Heather Hill community. If possible, the courts will be installed this year, but if not, then in spring 2025. The park district met with Flossmoor Baseball & Softball, since they use the ballfield at Highlands Park, and learned that it would be best for the courts to be placed at the south field.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the sale of Heather Hill Park to the Village of Flossmoor in the amount of \$425,000 on the contingency that the Village of Flossmoor awards a construction contract to construct the basin at 1439 Lawrence Crescent. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Johnson, and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Pavement Patching and Sealcoating

Superintendent McAneney explained that a bid went out for the pavement patching and sealcoating work needed in many locations within the park district. Two bids were received, with one company only including pricing for sealcoating. Matthew Paving provided a complete bid of \$174,755. They have worked with the park district on many projects in the past, the most recent being pavement patching last year.

With the bid coming in under the budgeted amount of \$208,000, Superintendent McAneney indicated he would like to allow for up to an additional \$25,245 so that areas that will require deeper patching can be properly filled. Matthew Paving indicated they could begin the patching work at the end of May, as the bid requires at least 30 days between the patching and sealcoating. Work at the Coyote Run will be done in sections and scheduled appropriately to not interfere with play.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the bid from Matthew Paving, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Johnson, and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. Summer 2024 Recreation Fees & Charges

Superintendent Gianatasio reviewed the recommended Summer 2024 recreation program fees & charges. Included this summer are more than 30 new events and programs for everyone from early childhood to active adult. Existing program fee increases are only recommended for language programs due to the contractor's price increase and for HF-VIP Paint and Sips and Lunches due to rising food costs.

Commissioners indicated that were impressed by the number of new programs being offered and that so few price increases for existing program are needed. Commissioner Dennison is glad to see Safety Town returning and Commissioner Bachus likes seeing programming being held at different parks throughout the district.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the Summer 2024 Recreation Fees & Charges as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Johnson, and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$364,221.36. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING March 31, 2024

Commissioners had no comments.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- The deadline for orders for the Irons Oaks Native Plant sale is April 22.
- Wine Down Wednesday is from 6 - 8 pm on Wednesday, April 17 at The Clubhouse.
- The Lady Bug Competition at the Ice Arena begins on April 17.
- Met with Homewood School District 153 to discuss upcoming needed capital improvements at the Sports Complex, including flooring and HVAC. The intergovernmental agreement indicates each agency is responsible for 50% of expenses.
- Oralethea Davenport, Bob Birgel, Kelly Rose and Anne Brabec continue working on the Distinguished Agency review. HFPD has been assigned a mentor who will help with the process of collecting the proper documentation and making it digitally accessible.
- Attended the Flossmoor New Resident gathering on Saturday at the Flossmoor Library.

Commissioner Dennison

- Received phone calls letting her know how delicious Wiley's Easter Brunch was.
- Great to see the numbers for the Adult Egg Hunt; it's always such a nice event.
- Went to Rover's Run; a patron asked where her dog was and she introduced herself as a commissioner.

Commissioner Johnson

- Wondered how the current pool pass numbers are compared to last year.
- Congratulations to the Ice Arena on the numbers for this weekend's Lady Bug competition.
- Seeing a general momentum that he has not seen in the park district for years, and he thanks all for contributing to that momentum. It's going to be a great summer.

Commissioner Bachus

- Echoes Commissioner Johnson's sentiment.
- Panicked at the park district's April Fool's joke. He could not understand how the golf course would allow golf cart polo!
- Thank you to everyone for all that they do every day to make the park district shine. It is appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary

