



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

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

Minutes of July 16, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Bachus. Commissioners Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus were present. Also present were Executive Director Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Patrick McAneney, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Superintendent of Recreation Mike Gianatasio, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, Coyote Run Golf Course Manager Tom Denklaue, Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Freeman, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Michelle Artis, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel, Racquet & Fitness Club Assistant Manager Mike Loszach, Irwin Center and The Clubhouse Manager Oralethea Davenport, Upland Design representatives Michelle Kelly and Liz Dafoe, Visitors Sheryl Hammonds and Raissa Katz-Hass, *H-F Chronicle* reporter Marilyn Thomas and Secretary Anne Brabec.

Prior to the start of the meeting, President Bachus thanked staff for all they are doing following the storm that came through the area on Monday night.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

PRESENTATION

Michelle Kelly and Liz Dafoe from Upland Design led a discussion on the master plan process. Included was an opportunity for Board members to provide input on their vision for the process and HFPD strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Executive Director Boehm outlined to the Board the communication that began by 5:30 that morning amongst the management team in the aftermath of the storm. Coyote Run, Irons Oaks, Ice Arena and Parks Department are all still without power. The studio rink has melted. Irons Oaks camp was relocated to RFC. Coyote Run and Wiley's were able to accommodate the scheduled shotgun and their lunch and dinner. Approximately 20 mature trees at Indian Trails Park in Homewood were uprooted or severely damaged; Manager Birgel showed a drone video of the park which will take a good while to clear. The park district is not sure at this time how, or if, there will be coverage through PDRMA for loss; staff will be looking into it.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes – June 4, 2024 and June 18, 2024

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

None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ice Arena Fees 2024-2025

Manager Freeman summarized fees related to hockey. With increasing expenses, including referees and staff and facility costs, a \$100 fee increase is recommended for the three older leagues. An increase of \$425 is recommended for the Mite level as they will now participate in the North West Hockey League with

a full season of play. Parents are anticipating this increase and are glad to play a full season. Even with these increases, the H-F fees are still lower than others in the area, due in part to the Ice Arena's a la carte offering of some items automatically included at other locations.

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve the 2024-2025 Ice Arena youth hockey fees as presented. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. Fall 2024 Recreation Fees & Charges

Superintendent Gianatasio explained pricing changes to a few programs so that the fee ends in a nine. Due to this, some fees may either be slightly raised or lowered.

New programs this fall include the H-F Storm Pom Team, which runs for the entire school year as part of a park district pom league and will offer an installment payment option. New Recreation Supervisor Dorsey has past experience with poms and is excited to bring it to our park district. Adult mixology programming has been doing well, and this fall will offer a mocktail version. The park district is also finding success with niche programs such as Dungeons and Dragons, Bid Whist and Herbalism.

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

c. Racquet & Fitness Club Indoor Courts

Assistant Manager Loszach reviewed that two bids were received for the repair and resurfacing of the indoor courts at the H-F Racquet & Fitness Club. Sports Surface Pros, LLC came in with the low bid of \$70,000. The park district has not previously worked with this company. Three park district references, South Barrington, Naperville and Glenview, were checked, and all three were very favorable and two have new upcoming projects with them.

Commissioner Coderre asked about the timing of the project; the work will be scheduled and completed September 3-14. The courts will have to be completely closed during this time, and signage and social media announcing the closure will include outdoor court options. Once completed, there will be 10 tennis courts, and two of the tennis courts will include eight pickleball courts. Commissioner Bachus questioned whether this will have an impact on tournaments; Assistant Manager Loszach answered that there will still be 10 tennis courts, with eight only lined for tennis, so tournaments will not be effected. Commissioner Johnson reiterated the desire for "early and often" communication of the closure.

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve the bid from Sports Surface Pros, LLC. in the amount of \$70,000 to complete the tennis court repair and resurfacing project at the Homewood-Flossmoor Racquet & Fitness Club. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioners had no comments or questions.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$500,572.44. 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 June 30, 2024

Commissioners had no comments or concerns.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- The park district is bringing back Hot Dog Day; it is tomorrow at Irwin Park.
- Friday night is Brew & View. The movie is *A League of Their Own*. There will be several alcohol vendors.

Commissioner Dennison

- Asked Executive Director Boehm if he had received replies from the villages to his email about a joint spring cleanup day. Boehm indicated he heard from the Village of Flossmoor, and they would like to keep their early April date, which is about a month prior to Park Pride, when volunteers primarily focus on the area around Meijer. There has been no response from the Village of Homewood, whose event has been the week before Park Pride.
- Met new Food & Beverage Manager Susan Wolf and had a great experience at Wiley's Friday night. The place was really hopping. Susan was present everywhere and the tables were all being waited on in a timely fashion.
- To Supervisor Dyana Metheny and the July 3rd & 4th committee, they knocked it out of the ballpark. It was a great event for the families, and for the first year ever, we didn't run out of candy.
- Swim lessons at Lion's...the little kids are having a ball, and to see the interactions and patience of the teenage young adults working with them is great.
- Asked how the Guard Games went; Superintendent Gianatasio indicated a Lions Club Pool team of four attended, and while they did not yet know how the placed, they had a great time representing the park district.

Commissioner Coderre

- Really looking forward to seeing the master plan develop. Please let we, as a Board, know what we can do to support you as you take on this other job to continue to deliver excellence. We want to get our money's worth so we need to fully invest in the process.

Commissioner Johnson

- Asked if there was an update from Will Davis; Director Boehm indicated there has been no recent communication and he will continue to follow up.
- Inquired about the issues with the new pieces of golf equipment. Manager Denklau indicated they seem to be caused by running through manufacturing too quickly. The equipment will be repaired through their warranties.
- Asked if the Villages of Homewood and Flossmoor are part of the PRIDE Fest Committee; Manager Davenport answered that they are, and they contribute by helping recruit vendors and sponsors, make signs, schedule police and fire and help advertise, among other things.

Commissioner Bachus

- It's already been a long meeting, but wanted to add his thanks for all the hard work and stressors that have been part of the last 48 hours; a wish for continued success in getting through all of it. We appreciate it, and having all of it on top of the normal day-to-day jobs that are already all-encompassing is a lot and the Board is super appreciative.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:42 pm, Commissioner Coderre 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, 2(c)(11) discussion of pending, probable or imminent litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the District and 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 Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 8:43 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval and Reclassification of Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve and declassify the executive session minutes for January 16, 2024, March 19, 2024 and May 7, 2024. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Johnson 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; April 18, 2023 and September 5, 2023. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary