



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

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

Minutes of November 19, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:04 pm by President Bachus. Commissioners Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Ojode 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, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Marketing and Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Michelle Artis, and Secretary Anne Brabec. Commissioner Johnson was absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – Visitor

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes - October 1, 2024 and October 15, 2024
- b. Travel Expense Approval for the PGA Show
It is recommended that the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve maximum travel expenses for Coyote Run Golf Course Manager Tom Denklau and Assistant Manager Dan Gollinger to attend the National PGA Show in Orlando from January 21-24, 2025 in an amount not to exceed \$2,732.
- c. Recreation Winter Fees & Charges
A report from the Superintendent of Recreation recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the Winter 2024-2025 Recreation Fees & Charges as presented.
- d. Coyote Run Golf Course 2025 Rates
A report from the Coyote Run Manager & Pro recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the Coyote Run rates for the 2025 golf season as presented.
- e. Efficiency Report
A report from the Executive Director recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the Efficiency Report for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.
- f. Policy & Procedures
Review and approval of Section 3: Contracts, Finances & Disbursements.

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

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$585,513.10. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Ojode, and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

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

Commissioners had no questions or concerns.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- There are 142 registered for the Butterball Burner. Total registration last year was 119.
- We received notice that we passed the second phase of the Irwin OSLAD grant process. The maximum is 1.2 million within two years and it is a 50/50 match.
- Final paperwork was submitted for the half million grant through Will Davis for the Ice Arena. It goes through multiple review phases. If granted, the funds will go toward the Ice Arena since it is now making the bond payments.
- The call with Standards and Poor's for the bond review is Thursday morning. Director Boehm and Superintendent Garrity met with Aaron Gold in preparation for the call, and Aaron will be on the calls as well.

Commissioner Ojode

- Asked when the ratings come out; Superintendent Garrity said in about a month. It will not affect anything already done but will for anything in the future.
- Thank you to staff for everything everyone is doing going into the holidays; it will be good to see everyone at the holiday party.

Commissioner Coderre

- Loves seeing all of the activities, and she even got a shout out for winning one of the prizes at Drag Bingo
- Wondered how the Koi are doing; since the Goldberg magnet features a Koi, we need to keep those fish healthy

Commissioner Dennison

- It's amazing how we're switching from fall right into winter and talking about getting lights on the tree and letters to Santa and Light Up the Trail already while still talking about finishing up cutting grass and the Butterball Burner
- We had the best weather ever for the Trick or Treat Trail; it was a wonderful event.

Commissioner Bachus

- One thousand people at RFC on Veteran's Day was amazing; it has been a while since we've seen those numbers.
- Thank you in the report for the look at pickleball vs. tennis. Manager Artis indicated Pickleball Open Play hours will be increasing in December.
- Kudos to Superintendent McAnaney for so promptly removing the vandalized sign from Leavitt Park on a Sunday after his family noticed it. Commissioner Dennison added that McAnaney also responded very quickly regarding a hole on the Butterfield Creek trail. Definitely went above and beyond.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:18 pm, Commissioner Dennison moved to enter 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, and 2(c)(11) discussion of pending, probable or imminent litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the district. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:38 p.m.

Executive Director Boehm reminded Commissioners to let Anne know if they will be attending Conference; President Bachus indicated he will be out of town and not able to attend. Boehm also reminded them of the Holiday Party at 5:30 pm on December 12 at The Clubhouse.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary