



**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
Committee Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners**

**Goldberg Administration Center
3301 Flossmoor Road, Flossmoor, Illinois 60422
November 5, 2024**

The Committee Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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 Parks & Planning Patrick McAneney, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Coyote Run Manager Tom Denklau, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas and Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

DISCUSSION TOPICS

a. Solar Update

Manager Vargo shared additional information regarding her research on installation of solar panels at park district facilities. She and Superintendent McAneney will continue to evaluate feasibility and options.

b. 2025 Coyote Run Strategies

Manager Denklau shared historical information on Coyote Run Golf Course rates, as well as that for local competitors. Based on discussion, Denklau will recommend a slight rate increase in 2025 to bring the Coyote Run rates more to the middle range of its competitors. A report for approval will be prepared for the November 19 Board meeting.

c. Recreation Winter Fees & Charges

Superintendent Gianatasio reviewed the need for several fee increases this winter due to higher food costs or contractor pricing. He shared some of the planned new winter programs, including Pet Photos with Santa, various mixology/cocktail sessions, a poetry slam, a youth cookie baking workshop and some alternative interest programs developed by Supervisor Dyana Metheny which are of interest to young adults. A recommendation for approval of the fees and charges will be on the November 19 Board meeting consent agenda.

d. 2024-2025 Goals Status

Commissioners were pleased to see so many goals already completed and others that are ongoing.

e. Efficiency Committee Report

This draft of the Efficiency Committee Report will be sent to all committee members for their final review. Any changes and/or additions will be made and then the report will be recommended for approval at the November 19 Board meeting. Once approved, it will be submitted to Cook County and IAPD.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- Manager Freeman is finishing the paperwork for the Ice Arena grant and then it will be submitted.
- There has been progress on the Highlands Park tennis courts; they have been dug out and gravel and asphalt laid.
- 110% would like Board members to participate in a 90-minute Zoom session prior to the Tuesday, December 17 Board meeting as part of the master plan development. The session will begin at 5:15 pm and Commissioners can participate together at Goldberg or individually. The regular Board meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Doug Boehm, Secretary