



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

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

**Minutes of December 3, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Ojode. Commissioners Coderre and Dennison were present. Also present were Executive Director Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Michelle Artis, and Secretary Anne Brabec. Commissioners Bachus and Johnson were absent.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – Discussion Topic Item 8a, Ice Arena Update, was removed from the agenda.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – None

**PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing to present a proposed property tax levy increase for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District was called to order at 7:01 pm by Vice President Ojode. Commissioners Coderre and Dennison were present. A notice of the hearing was published prior to the meeting in accordance with the statute.

Superintendent Garrity reported there were no changes from the Resolution presented in October. The park district is levying 5% to capture any new property. Cook County will apply the tax cap and reduce the levies from the Recreation Fund as needed. The total amount levied for 2024 is \$6,322,438, which is consistent with prior years.

Commissioners had no questions and thanked Superintendent Garrity for all her hard work on the levy process.

Commissioner Coderre moved to close the public hearing at 7:02 pm. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison and Ojode. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

a. 2024 Tax Levy Ordinance #772

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve Ordinance #772 levying taxes for all corporate purposes for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, Cook County, Illinois for the levy year 2024. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison and Ojode. Nays: None. Motion approved.

b. Ordinance #773

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve Ordinance #773 directing the Cook County Clerk as to reduction of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District's real estate tax levy for levy year 2024. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison and Ojode. Nays: None. Motion approved.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

### Executive Director Boehm

- The Flossmoor tree lighting was this past Saturday night. It was a lovely, yet cold, evening.
- This Friday is Homewood's festivities. President Bachus will be the MC at the tree lighting, which is scheduled for 7:00 pm, with the parade beginning at 6:45 pm.
- Irons Oaks Light Up Trails is being worked on. Trail walks are December 13, 14, 19 and 20 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.
- Santa Visits are coming up.
- The annual HFPD Holiday Party is next Thursday, December 12
- As mentioned in the Friday message, Michelle (Artis) has resigned, and her last day is tomorrow.

### Commissioner Dennison

- Best of luck to Michelle. All the work you have done over the years has been appreciated and the best of luck to you in your future. Thank you.

### Commissioner Coderre

- Michelle, I will remember you as the person who introduced the park district to the reduced, semi-used machines, which were a game-changer. Please do not take that information with you and instead make sure someone here has it. Manager Artis commented that Facility Maintenance Supervisor Zig Gucius has the information.
- A younger cousin noticed a box at this past weekend's tree lighting for letters to Santa and said that he thought it would be better if he took his letter directly to the park district to make sure that Santa gets it. So, thank you for making sure those mailboxes are available because kids take this very seriously.

### Commissioner Ojode

- Thank you so much for your contribution, Michelle. We will miss you but are excited for your future.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Doug Boehm, Secretary