



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

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

Minutes of January 21, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 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, Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Freeman, Irwin Center Manager Oralethea Davenport, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, Fitness Operations Supervisor Kelly Anhalt, and Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – Purpose 2(c)1 was removed from the Executive Session.

Executive Director Boehm introduced Kelly Anhalt, who moved from part-time to full-time to become Fitness Operations Supervisor at the Racquet & Fitness Club.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes - December 3, 2024, and December 17, 2024
- b. 2024 Donation Report
A report from the Executive Secretary summarizing donations for the calendar year 2024.
- c. Status of the 2024-2025 Core Values & Goals
- d. Personnel Policy, Section 3, Time Off Benefits, 3.12 Part-time Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance
A report from the Human Resources Manager recommending the Board of Park Commissioners approve the Part-time Cook County Paid Leave Ordinance effective January 1, 2025.
- e. Revenue Development and Management School
A report from the Superintendent of Recreation Board recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the participation of Superintendent Mike Gianatasio in NRPA's Revenue Development and Management School in March 2025 at an expense not to exceed \$2,946.
- f. Grant Report
A report from the Superintendent of Finance & Administration listing the grants that were applied for and received in 2024.

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Recreation Spring 2025 Fees & Charges

Superintendent Gianatasio explained that only the Curtain Call Crew, formally known as Acting Ensemble, required a price increase for upcoming sessions due to the instructor's salary and supply costs. New programs for all ages have been created and will be offered as outlined in the report.

Commissioner Johnson commented he is glad to see so many new programs and he has no problem with the costs. Commissioner Dennison said it looks like it will be a fun spring.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the Recreation Spring 2025 fees and charges as presented. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. Electric Capacity Rates

Superintendent Garrity reviewed that the park district was recently informed of the anticipated electricity rate increase that it will face beginning in June. This is due to the expected increase in demand on the grid and the stagnant supply of electricity. The park district's supplier is working on a per facility breakdown of the rates to help with budgeting.

c. 2025 Yamaha EFI Quietech Golf Cart Purchase

Executive Director Boehm outlined that it is time to start replacing some of Coyote Run's fleet of 76 golf carts that were purchased in 2018. It is recommended to replace 19 carts this year, with more replaced in the upcoming years. Harris Golf Sales will take 19 carts as trade-ins to help reduce the cost and deliver the carts after May 1, 2025.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the purchase of nineteen (19) 2025 Yamaha EFI Quietech Golf Carts from Harris Golf Car Sales in the amount of \$65,613. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

d. Ice Arena Fees & Charges

Manager Freeman presented to the Board a plan to increase Ice Arena fees for skate and skate helper rentals. The increases are due to new legislation that requires tangible property to now be taxed, and it is better for both guests and staff to have a flat, round price that includes the sales tax, rather than an increase in cents if tax is added separately.

A discussion ensued on other items that will have to be taxed, which includes the RFC ball machine, golf clubs, golf carts, cross-country skis, tennis racquets and more.

At this time, while still working on getting the Ice Arena back after its shut-down, it was decided it would not be favorable to raise pricing at that facility.

Commissioners decided to table this fee recommendation in favor of waiting to determine how to approach this sales tax issue with golf cart rentals and other items. If needed, Manager Freeman will submit a new report to the Board.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$491,843.09. Commissioner Ojode 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 December 31, 2024

Commissioners had no questions or concerns.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- A reminder that most of the staff will be at Conference the end of the week.
- Final interviews for the RFC Manager position will be Monday, January 27. There are three candidates. Full-time staff, Manager Rose, and two RFC members will join Executive Director Boehm in the interviews.
- Went to the Heather Hill Homeowner's meeting last week, which was very well attended.
- MLK Day was a great day for the community. Events were held at Wiley's and Irons Oaks, there was a blood drive at Irwin, and open skate at the Ice Arena.
- Had the provider luncheon with 110% as part of the master plan. About 32 attended and shared what can be done together.
- The next board meeting will be the goals meeting on February 4 at 6:00 pm at Irwin.

Commissioner Coderre

- It would not be a bad idea to have a party when the Heather Hill tennis courts are ready to open and invite the homeowners.
- Love that the outdoor ice rink is open and being used.
- Wondered if there is anything asked of her/Commissioners while they are attending Conference. Director Boehm answered she should attend anything she would like.

Commissioner Dennison

- Welcome/congratulations to Kelly.
- Wondered if there was any feedback on the credit card charges at Wiley's; Director Boehm indicated that all is going smoothly.
- Told Superintendent Gianatasio that she is happy he is furthering his education in parks by attending the Revenue Development and Management School; he thanked the Board for the opportunity.
- Thank you to everyone for Light Up the Trail; it was quite an event.
- Fun to see the wildlife sightings at Irons Oaks.
- Wonderful that family events and curling are going so well at the Ice Arena. Manager Freeman added that the Curling championship game is on Monday.

Commissioner Ojode

- Welcome Kelly.
- Thanks to everyone for all they are doing to support the community.
- Her company uses the secure ID that was mentioned in Chuck (Yucuis') report and it works well.
- Glad to see the HVAC issues at Irwin are coming together.

Commissioner Johnson

- Asked about any warranty for the Irwin HVAC; Manager Davenport and Superintendent McAneney provided more information on the system.
- Indicated the Board would like to support with the sponsorship efforts being developed.

Commissioner Bachus

- It is amazing to see how much the MLK Day of Service has grown throughout our community and he's very happy the park district supports it the way it does.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:48 pm, Commissioner Coderre moved to enter in the Executive Session for the purpose of 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 Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 7:59 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval and Reclassification of Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve and declassify section 2(c)(21) and approve and keep confidential sections 2(c)(11) and 2(c)(1) of the executive session minutes for July 16, 2024. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve and declassify the executive session minutes for August 6, 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve and keep confidential section 2(c)(21) and the first discussion topic of section 2(c)(1), and to approve and declassify the second discussion topic of 2(c)(1), of the executive session minutes for September 17, 2024. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Ojode moved to approve and keep confidential sections 2(c)(11) and the first discussion topic of section 2(c)(1), and to approve and declassify the second discussion topic of section 2(c)(1), of the executive session minutes for November 19, 2024. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Johnson moved that the need for confidentiality still exists and to keep confidential 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 Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary