



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

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

**Minutes of March 18, 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 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, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer, Coyote Run General Manager Tom Denkla, Visitor Noe León, and Secretary Anne Brabec.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA – None**

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS –** Visitor Noe León, a new Homewood resident, brought a soccer program to the area and would like to see updated soccer fields, and even a year-round soccer stadium, in Homewood-Flossmoor. He indicated this would help to keep soccer building in Homewood-Flossmoor instead of losing players to other communities. President Bachus welcomed León and asked Superintendent of Recreation Gianatasio to connect with him following the meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes - February 4, 2025, and February 18, 2025
- b. Ordinance #775  
An ordinance authorizing the disposal of certain items of personal property by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.
- c. Policy & Procedure Manual  
Review and approval of Section 5: General Recreation Programming.
- d. Turf Management  
A report from the Superintendent of Parks & Planning recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the proposal from Autumn Blaze Tree & Turf for two treatments at Apollo, Flossmoor, Homewood Estates, Irwin, Millennium, Patriots and Woodborough parks in the amount of \$14,584.00.

Commissioner Johnson asked for verification that Autumn Blaze understands the need for communication to the community about applications; Superintendent McAneney indicated he has had that discussion with the company owner.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Irons Oaks Fees & Charges**

Manager Vargo indicated it has been two years since fees have been raised in group programming, and the recommended increases average 5% - 6% due primarily to the increases in minimum wage. Adjustments are also recommended to get the non-resident rate in line with where it should be versus the resident rate. Scout programs will continue to receive a \$10 discount. Small increases are recommended in facility rental rates. Manager Vargo indicated all fees increases were reviewed earlier in the day at the Operating Committee Meeting, and that the Committee approves of the changes.

Commissioner Ojode said she is in favor of the nominal increases. Commissioners Dennison and Johnson indicated they had attended the Operating Committee meeting and agree with the suggested fees.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Irons Oaks Fees & Charges as presented effective immediately. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

### **b. Purchase of One Fairway Mower**

Manager Denklau reported that this purchase would be to replace one of the current three fairway mowers. One of the 2004 original units would be replaced but kept and used for parts as there is more value in the parts than a sale.

The purchase would be made through the Sourcewell cooperative, guaranteeing that it is the lowest possible purchase price, and the purchase has been included in the budget. Delivery would likely be somewhere between the end of June and the beginning of September.

Commissioner Ojode noted the mower carries a two-year warranty, which was confirmed by Manager Denklau.

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the purchase one 2025 John Deere 7500A PrecisionCut Fairway Mower in the amount of \$80,906.56 from Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC of Elgin, Illinois. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

## **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$242,305.55. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Johnson, Ojode, and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

## **PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING February 28, 2025**

Commissioner Johnson noted that Rec is up 10% against budget.

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

Manager Cheryl Vargo for Executive Director Boehm

- No additional comments.

Commissioner Coderre

- Thank you to Manager Vargo for filling in during Executive Director's Boehm absence. She appreciates that Vargo continued the Friday update. The other commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Ojode

- Thank you to all staff as they get ready for the busy spring.

Commissioner Johnson

- Thank you to Superintendent McAneney and his team for a full six weeks of upkeep at the outdoor ice rink, compared to only three days last year. He asked how the liner looked when it was stored; McAneney answered that due to its size, it is not possible to clean and inspect it, but for the most part it looks good, and Parks will deal with any repairs needed next winter.
- Glad to see the additional basketball hoops have been installed.

Commissioner Dennison

- Enjoyed seeing there was a conversation with the Village of Homewood and that Park Pride will be a combined event in 2026.
- Liked new RFC Manager Dan Schaffer's "hit list"
- Congratulations to Oralethea Davenport for being selected to hold a position on NRPEMS, the National Recreation and Park Ethnic Minority Society.
- Great to see the numbers were up for the Sweetheart and Prince Charming dances.
- Asked Manager Denklau if there are plans to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the golf course, Denklau indicated specials are in the works for that day, June 25.

Commissioner Bachus

- Thank you to everyone for all that they do each and every day. It is nuts we have gone right from the outdoor ice rink to spring in just a few days.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



**Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary**