



HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
Committee Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners
Goldberg Administration Center
3301 Flossmoor Road, Flossmoor, IL 60422

Minutes of May 6, 2025

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, Ojode and Bachus were present. Also present were Executive Director Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Recreation Mike Gianatasio, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer, Treasurer Steve Ojode, Commissioner-Elect Byron Walker, Visitors Tyler Thompson, Caitlin McCaffrey and Matt Lulich, and Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

President Bachus asked for a moment of silence in honor of Homewood-Flossmoor High School student Tom' Maya Lyons, who died in a car accident following prom, and her family and friends.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

DISCUSSION TOPICS

President Bachus commented that twenty residents applied to fill the commissioner vacancy, which was stunning and amazing; the response from the community was off the charts. Commissioners have been diligently reviewing the 108 pages of materials they submitted. Interviews will take place next week and the selected individual will be sworn in, along with Commissioner-Elect Byron Walker, on May 20. The Board is hopeful that all of those who expressed interest will be willing to participate within the park district in another way.

a. Surplus Spending Project Timelines

Executive Director Boehm indicated updates on the surplus spending will be provided to the Board monthly. On the current report, he pointed out that there is a walkthrough for the Racquet & Fitness Club HVAC project Wednesday, with the bid opening next week and a request for Board approval at the May 20 meeting. Display boards for the Goldberg, Pheasant Trails and Scandia playground options were received today, and public input meetings will be held at Goldberg on Thursday, May 15.

Commissioner Coderre asked if there is thought to keeping the castle theme at Goldberg Park. Director Boehm said there is none, since any such options are not as modern as desired. Commissioner Coderre suggested resistance to that change should be expected because there is a nostalgia factor to Goldberg Park being referred to as the castle park. Commissioners agreed that while it is a change, a new generation will learn where Goldberg is without referring to it as the castle park.

Commissioner Ojode asked about Leavitt Park; Executive Director Boehm said it has a separate plan, and the district will have to figure out how to proceed with it; possibly with an OSLAD grant application.

Commissioner Johnson asked if the listed budget amounts are actual; Boehm indicated they are estimates and as confirmed pricing is available, they will be updated. Commissioner Dennison inquired if the amount indicated for a recreation bus was for a new vehicle, and Commissioner Bachus asked if usual processes will be followed for Board approval.

b. Racquet & Fitness Club Members' Code of Conduct

Manager Schaffer shared the Code of Conduct developed with input from the RFC team and some Club members. Having this in writing will give him and RFC staff the support needed if situations arise.

Commissioners were glad to see this being done, and requested steps be taken to use the appropriate tone to communicate the information to existing as well as new Club members since the vast majority of members behave properly.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Coderre

- So bummed to have missed Park Pride; it looks like it was a great time. Congratulations on another successful event.

Commissioner Ojode

- Thank you to all staff; your efforts are appreciated. It's exciting to be a part of all the buzz in the community as summer approaches.

Commissioner Johnson

- It will be interesting to see how Park Pride plays out next year with the new arrangement with the Village of Homewood.

Commissioner Dennison

- It's been over 10 years, and this is the last time she'll sit next to Commissioner Johnson since she will not be at the next meeting. Where did the time go? It's been an amazing run.
- Great to see all the staff participating in Park Pride; thank you.

Commissioner Bachus

- It has been an honor and a pleasure to sit here with Commissioners Johnson and Ojode; looking forward to celebrating them this evening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:18 pm, Commissioner Dennison moved to enter in the Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(3) the selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison; Johnson, Ojode and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 7:47 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Coderre moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Commissioner Ojode seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary