



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

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

Minutes of June 17, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bachus. Commissioners Coderre, Dennison, Schafer and Walker were present. Also present were Superintendent of Parks & Planning Patrick McAneney, Superintendent of Recreation Mike Gianatasio, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Marketing, Irwin Center Manager Oralethea Davenport, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Nuha Abdessalam, and Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – Nuha Abdessalam introduced herself as the representative from the *H-F Chronicle* attending tonight's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes - May 6, 2025, May 13, 2025, May 14, 2025, and May 20, 2025
- b. Crisis Management Plan
A recommendation to the Board of Park Commissioners to consider a motion to approve the updated Crisis Management Plan as presented.
- c. Ten-Year Comprehensive Master Plan "Growing Together"
A recommendation to the Board of Park Commissioners to consider a motion to approve and adopt the 2025-2035 Ten-Year Comprehensive Master Plan, and its Recommendations and Capital Plan as presented.

Executive Director Boehm provided an explanation of the Crisis Management Plan to new Commissioners Schafer and Walker.

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

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Coderre asked for an update on the recreation bus; Superintendent Gianatasio indicated that it is being prepared, and we should have it later this week. Commissioner Bachus commented that this is one of the largest claims amounts he's seen, due to the recreation bus, the John Deere fairway mower for Coyote Run and the Highlands Park courts.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$1,138,037.32. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MAY 31, 2025

Commissioners commented that all looks to be off to a good start. Commissioner Bachus explained that while Lions Club Pool looks to be doing exceptionally well, it is because it is in-season, and later in the fiscal year it will even out as expenses continue to post.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- Thank you to all staff for a really solid start to the important summer season
- Tennis lessons will once again take place in the parks this summer
- Hobo Jungle has 88 registrants, which is incredible
- The Distinguished Agency Committee met last week with our mentors, and we are setting a fall date for our evaluation. We still have a lot of information to gather and input, but we are on target
- Today we had a meeting on the development of Irwin Park with the OSLAD grant. An onsite meeting will be held in early July. Bids will go out this fall, demolition will begin this winter, and work will be done in spring. Purchases will be made over two budget years
- This Thursday is Juneteenth, and the park district will participate in the block party in Flossmoor.
- PRIDE Fest is Friday night
- New chairs were purchased for Rover's Run
- Had a meeting last week with representatives from the Soccer Club. Supervisor Diaz will participate in their monthly meetings
- July 1 is the next committee meeting. It will start at 6:00 pm with a brief meeting and then Commissioners will take a park tour
- This year's National Recreation and Park Association annual meeting is September 16-18 in Orlando Commissioners are invited to attend
- We will review the first 96 pages of the Master Plan at the August 5 Committee meeting

Commissioner Coderre

- Echoes everything said about staff in this busy summer season
- Glad to see our coordinated social media and cross-posting and different ways to drive engagement
- Will be at PRIDE Fest on Friday with her family; looking forward to it and appreciate all the work that goes into it. Glad to see we have secured new sponsors
- Membership of over 4,000 at RFC is a great milestone

Commissioner Dennison

- Witnessed the Stomping Grounds campers at the pool and all was good
- Asked about swim lesson attendance; Superintendent Gianatasio confirmed that this year, there are more evening registrations than during the morning sessions
- Glad to see Jennifer Drossett, the Trailhounds dog walking group leader, back after surgery
- Enjoying water aerobics and aqua Zumba at Lions Club pool. The pool staff is great

Commissioner Schafer

- Enjoyed Manager Davenport's presentation at the IAPD Bootcamp, which was the top-rated part of the previous night's bootcamp
- Inquired about the Weed Crew; Superintendent McAneney shared how they hit all the parks, playgrounds and facilities, and then need to go right back and do it all again as the weeds grow like crazy
- Asked Manager Vargo the difference between Nature Camp and Adventure Camp; Vargo explained the age ranges for each camp
- Wondered about the Innovation Committee; Superintendent Gianatasio provided information on the committee chaired by Marketing & PR Coordinator Steve Rab
- Asked about the space at RFC that was reconfigured for use by camps

Commissioner Walker

- Feels so honored to be able to work with the park district staff; he is impressed by what he has seen and how everyone operates with each other and throughout the community. HFPD sets the bar high
- It was amazing to see Manager Davenport give her presentation at the IAPD Bootcamp

Commissioner Bachus

- Glad to see Ice Arena contracting
- Very cool that the flag football league will be NFL affiliated
- Great to see the success of Teen Camp; it was not too long ago that we were brainstorming to see what the park district could provide for this age group
- The camp attendance across the board is awesome to see
- Sorry he can't be at PRIDE Fest; it is an awesome event to attend
- Salsa Night, League Player Appreciation Night, Member Engagement Task Force at RFC are the stuff we have been waiting on; love to see it. There is a noted great vibe going through the Club now
- The Board will begin the process of Director Boehm's performance evaluation. Bachus will share the results of HR Manager Rose's 360 evaluation to Commissioners to begin the process

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Coderre moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary