



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

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

Minutes of July 15, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:01 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, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Coyote Run General Manager Tom Denklau, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, Marketing & PR Manager Bob Birgel, Irwin Center Manager Oralethea Davenport, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas, and Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2025, and June 17, 2025

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

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Policy & Procedure Manual

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the updated Policy & Procedure Manual and adopt Ordinance #776, An Ordinance adopting revisions to the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Policy & Procedure Manual. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fitness Center Improvement

H-F Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Schafer reviewed the plan to improve the RFC fitness equipment as part of the spenddown plan. Discussions to determine what is needed and desired were held with full-time and part-time staff, and a survey was both sent and made available in the Club to members. Schafer met with Direct Fitness Solutions, a Sourcewell company that he has worked with in the past and received a proposal for the recommended turf area and equipment, which will be new and not refurbished. The turf will take two days to install, and the timeline for equipment is expected to be three to four weeks once ordered.

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve the purchase and installation of fitness center improvements for the H-F Racquet & Fitness Club in the amount of \$99,967 as presented. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

- b. Ice Arena Fees

Executive Director Boehm presented the proposed 6% increases for the youth hockey leagues, from \$1,900 to \$2,000 for Squirts, Peewee and Bantam and from \$1,700 to \$2,000 for Mites. The larger increase in Mites was discussed and is warranted due to the restructuring of that league to be more in line with the others. Families

appreciate the program changes. Manager Freeman met with Ice Arena Board Committee members Commissioners Dennison and Walker, and both agreed with the new fees and indicated there has been a lot of communication with parents.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the 2025-2026 Ice Arena youth hockey fees as presented. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

c. Fall 2025 Recreation Fees & Charges

Superintendent Gianatasio highlighted several of the fall recreation offerings, including NFL affiliation for the flag football league. New this season is the introduction of early bird pricing for leagues, which will help with planning for the number of expected teams. Gianatasio gave kudos to the recreation supervisors for identifying needs in the community and using the information in the master plan to develop new programming and reshape existing programming.

Commissioner Schafer asked for an explanation of the pricing tool that was mentioned in the Director's Report. Commissioner Walker asked for more information regarding the flag football league. Commissioner Coderre encouraged looking into offering dedicated girls' sports instead of only coed. Commissioner Bachus is glad to see "try-it" classes being offered. Commissioner Dennison loves seeing puppy kindergarten and the many senior trips coming back.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the Fall 2025 Recreation Fees & Charges as presented. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$643,735.58. Commissioner Coderre 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 JUNE 30, 2025

President Bachus mentioned that Commissioner Schafer had questions relative to items on the first page of the financial report and suggested that at an upcoming committee meeting Superintendent Garrity could provide an overview.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- All the work on the Coyote Run pump has been completed. Superintendent Knight and his crew were there every night watering. The backup pump worked, just not at the same volume as the primary pump.
- A fence is up around the Irwin ADA project, which will get started soon.
- Tomorrow is Hot Dog Day, 12 – 2 pm, at Irwin and Brew & View showing Men in Black is on Friday.
- The Beast was this past Sunday with almost 100 participants. It was a great event and Manager Schaffer and his staff are going to work to see if they can make it even better next year.
- The playground equipment is in. Removal of existing equipment and installation of the new will begin in early August, starting with Pheasant Trails, then Scandia, followed by Goldberg.
- A grand opening is being planned for Highlands Park and is being coordinated with residents of the Heather Hill subdivision.

Commissioner Walker

- Inquired about the condition of the grass at Coyote Run after the pump failure; Manager Denklau said all was fine and the reduction in watering just made the fairways firm.

Commissioner Dennison

- Great job everyone on the Fourth of July activities; getting the bicycles decorated in Flossmoor and kudos to Manager Freeman and everyone who supported her in the Homewood parade. Thank you for helping the community celebrate the Fourth by being there on the holiday.

Commissioner Schafer

- Asked if there is a limit to the number of pool passes sold, which led to a discussion about the pool reaching capacity this year.
- Commended staff for responding promptly to the community outpouring regarding the splashpad features that were too aggressive.
- Acknowledged the staff who are putting in a lot by working evenings, weekends and holidays.

Commissioner Coderre

- Leavitt Park looks awesome, and neighbors have noticed. Looking forward to seeing what else happens at that park.

Commissioner Bachus

- Loves that Superintendent Garrity found 4.5% CDs.
- Please share our thank you to Jennah as she wraps up her time with HFPD this week. She's been amazing. We're pleased to have Kayla joining us and appreciate they will transition together.
- Glad to see the liaison between Brandon Diaz and the HF Soccer Club, particularly that he is going to their Board meetings.
- Never before noticed how many people fish at Dolphin Lake and participate in the fishing derby; it's great to see.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:55 pm, Commissioner Coderre moved to enter in the Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(1) discussion of the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; 2(c)(6) the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; and 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, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 8:28 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval and Reclassification of Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve and declassify the executive session minutes for January 21, 2025; February 18, 2025 2(c)(1) second discussion topic; April 15, 2025 2(c)(1) first, third, fourth and fifth discussion topics and 2(c)(3); May 6, 2025; May 13, 2025 and May 14, 2025. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve and keep confidential the executive session minutes for February 18, 2025 2(c)(1) first discussion topic and 2(c)(11); and April 15, 2025 2(c)(1) second discussion topic and 2(c)(8). Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Coderre 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;

September 5, 2023; July 16, 2024; September 17, 2024 and November 19, 2024. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Schafer moved that the need for confidentiality no longer exists and to declassify sections 2(c)(11) of the minutes for September 5, 2023 and July 16, 2024. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Coderre moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Boehm', written in a cursive style.

Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary