



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

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

Minutes of September 2, 2025

The Special Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Bachus. Commissioners Coderre, Schafer and Walker were present. Also present were HF Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas, and Secretary Anne Brabec. Commissioner Dennison was absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes August 5, 2025, and August 19, 2025

b. Electricity/Gas Supplier

A report from the Superintendent of Finance and Administration recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to allow the Executive Director to negotiate on behalf of the district for pricing of electricity and gas supplied to the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract pending attorney approval.

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. RFC Security Cameras

Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer reviewed that as part of the surplus spenddown, a bid was prepared to upgrade the security camera system at the HF Racquet & Fitness Club. Three bids were received, with one coming in significantly lower than the other two. Referrals and recommendations for the low bid company were checked, their bid was reviewed by HFPD's legal counsel, and a positive conversation took place with the bidder to make sure they completely understand the scope of the project. The bid was very specific in the equipment needed, and the low bidder had a much lower markup on the equipment costs and lower labor costs.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the bid from Inter-Pacific for the purchase and installation of camera improvements for the H-F Racquet & Fitness Club in the amount of \$55,518. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

DISCUSSION TOPIC

a. Status of 2025-2026 Core Values & Goals

Executive Director Boehm mentioned that the augmented reality goal has been postponed due to the number of large initiatives in progress, such as the website and rebranding.

Commissioner Schafer asked about the Core Values, which do not change annually but were recently reviewed and updated by the Board and staff. She commented that there were some projects which she thought would be included within the goals but are not, such as those on the surplus spending list. Director Boehm indicated certain capital replacements are automatically done each year, and the master plan and the plan for surplus spending had not yet been available when the goals were developed in February.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- We are getting close to our Distinguished Agency deadline, with a lot of people developing information to be inputted prior to our all-day review on September 30 by five or six evaluators who will judge how we operate our agency. Prior to that date, our evaluators will look at the Legal Section, General Management Section 1, and ADA 3.26 to make sure those are complete before we can proceed with our review.
- Distributed a current spenddown project report.
- With the cooler weather, Wednesday September 3 will be the last day the Splash Pad is open this season.
- Had the community meeting for Tower Park, and two families attended. They had questions on what the village will be doing with the land, which the village is still uncertain about. By the end of September, the Parks Department will remove the playground equipment, except the caterpillar, and the Village will take over the property as of October 1.
- Will be out next week, as well as for the NRPA conference the following week. Manager Cheryl Vargo will be in charge the first week and Superintendent Karen Garrity the second.
- Showed a drone photo of the completed ADA ramp at Irwin Park. The park district has already received a lot of positive feedback on it.

Commissioner Coderre

- Enjoy your fishing trip, Doug!
- If you haven't, check out the wonderful *H-F Chronicle* feature on the HFPD playgrounds.
- It looks like we may not spend all the budgeted spenddown money and is excited to see what other projects that means we may be able to accomplish.

Commissioner Schafer

- No further comments.

Commissioner Walker

- The park district had a busy week; it was exciting to see and he is looking forward to what is coming up next.
- Saw that there is now boxing at RFC.
- Enjoy your vacation, Doug.

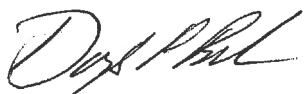
Commissioner Bachus

- Agreed, have a great vacation, Doug.
- The park district is an in-kind sponsor of the Hidden Gem Half Marathon and allows the Gem Squad to use Park Place as their race headquarters for several weeks. The Parks Department also helps with things like bleachers. It's a huge community event. The first year there were 550 runners, this year registration sold out in four days with 1,250 runners across 25 states and a few countries. There will be more than 300 volunteers who were trained at an event at Wiley's. This year's youngest runner is 13 and the oldest 81, who is from the area and competing in her sixth Hidden Gem. The first year, there were three elite runners, this year there are 82 elite runners registered. *Running World Magazine* included the Gem in their top ten half marathons in the nation, and *Outdoor Running World* put the Gem as fourth in the list of races to check out. It has become quite an event, but it wouldn't happen without partnerships such as that with the HFPD. It is appreciated and not taken for granted.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Coderre moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary