



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

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

Minutes of November 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, Schafer and Walker were present. Also present were Executive Director Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Superintendent of Recreation Mike Gianatasio, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Patrick McAnaney, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, and Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – Item 4a. Presentation, Resolution #673, was postponed until the December 16, 2025 meeting.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Dennison asked if the payment to SSSRA is made twice per year; Superintendent Garrity confirmed that it is.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$3,204,294.60. 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 OCTOBER 31, 2025

Superintendent Garrity provided additional financial information and indicated that tax revenue will soon be coming in now that Cook County has issued real estate tax bills. Those payments are due December 15.

Superintendent Garrity also announced that today she received a Notice of Award from the state of Illinois for the \$500,000 Ice Arena grant.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes – October 7, 2025 and October 21, 2025

b. Travel Expense Approval for 2026 PGA Show

A report from the Coyote Run General Manager recommending that the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve maximum travel expenses for Coyote Run Golf Course General Manager Tom Denklau and Assistant General Manager Dan Gollinger to attend the National PGA Show in Orlando from January 20 - 23, 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$2,872.

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Winter 2025-2026 Recreation Fees & Charges*

Superintendent Gianatasio indicated that slight fee increases were made to some items due to

working toward the cost recovery model. New programming includes additional senior trips, offerings with the district's new dance instructor, teen trips and adult programs. The district's new recreation supervisors are excited to offer these new programs.

Commissioner Dennison offered congratulations to the Rec staff for all the awesome activities going on. Commissioner Bachus loved the explosion of teen activities and hoped that the *H-F Chronicle* would be interested in recognizing it, as having that done from outside the park district is good and has an added benefit.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the Winter 2025 – 2026 Recreation Fees & Charges as presented. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer and Walker. Nays: none. Motion approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- Distributed an updated Surplus Spenddown Report. The RFC security camera work has been completed and the work on the RFC Family Washroom should be completed by Christmas.
- RFC had a successful Open House, with an estimated 900-1,000 people attending and more than 100 tours given. Additional Open Houses are being planned.
- The Butterball Burner is this Sunday.
- Coyote Run broke last year's record for rounds played, with more playable weather days ahead. Kudos to Manager Denklaus and his team.
- Tomorrow is the bid opening for the Irwin Park renovation OSLAD grant project.
- The state conference is January 29 – 31. An informational email will be sent to commissioners. HFPD will receive its Distinguished Agency Accreditation plaque at the awards luncheon on Friday.
- Flossmoor's tree lighting is November 29.
- Will be off next week and Manager Vargo will be in charge.

Commissioner Coderre

- Glad to see Brandon Diaz applying for the IPRA Increasing Access to Sports for Girls and Women grant. Even if we aren't awarded the grant, we love to see and encourage grant applications.
- Wonderful to see Wiley's revenue up 26.5%.
- Thank you to Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Freeman for all her work at the Ice Arena.
- There is an opportunity to improve the search feature in Amilia. The age filter does not always provide the best information. An improvement would help as we promote more teen programming.
- Her children really enjoy the zip line at Goldberg.

Commissioner Schafer

- Was also excited to see the grant application.
- Asked Manager Vargo for more information regarding the nature playground at Irons Oaks. Vargo indicated the foundation purchased the all-natural looking equipment, and installation will be done by the Parks Department.
- Sorry her family missed the pumpkin carving event. Will look for it next year.
- It's always exciting to see what everyone is doing within the park district.

Commissioner Walker

- Really can't say enough about what everyone is doing. To live in Flossmoor and see the things that are happening and to be a part of it is spectacular. Looking forward to the upcoming holidays and all they bring. It's just amazing to be in Flossmoor.
- Wanted to make the racquet club open house, will get to the next one.
- Looking forward to the \$500,000 coming in.

Commissioner Dennison

- Glad to see Irwin back up to almost 100%.
- Fabulous to see all the new activities Recreation Supervisor Kayla Cook has planned.
- Nice to see the Gold Medal committee has been formed and started work.
- Congratulations to Brandon for getting his CYSA credentials. Continuing education is so important; loves to see when staff go forward.
- Attended the RFC Open House and talked with a lot of staff. They were very personable, outgoing and impressive.
- A very happy Thanksgiving to each and every one and your families.

Commissioner Bachus

- Glad to see we're off to a good start with Blackline.
- Thank you to Manager Rose for attending career day at the high school.
- Would like to see a lot more grants being applied for.
- Loves the community bond fires; to have so many residents turn out at Cedar Park, which is not the biggest, is awesome.
- 2,000 pumpkins in the Pumpkin Smash was an amazing number.
- 40,000 plus rounds at Coyote Run is great. Phil Knight and Niki Munroe, as well as Tom Denklau, get a lot of credit for doing such a good job keeping the course in great shape.
- To be awarded the senior championships at the Racquet & Fitness Club is a big deal; congratulations on getting that.
- There seems to be a really stable group of recreation supervisors right now, after some ups and downs, it is so good to see.
- Happy Thanksgiving to all; safe travels if you are venturing out. See you all in December!

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary