



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

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

Minutes of December 2, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Coderre. Commissioners Schafer and Walker were present. Also present were Executive Director Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Patrick McAneney, Ice Arena Manager Lyndsay Freeman, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas and Secretary Anne Brabec. Commissioners Bachus and Dennison were absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – Discussion Topic Item 8a., 2026 Coyote Run Strategies, was postponed.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to present a proposed property tax levy increase for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Coderre. Commissioners Schafer and Walker were present. A notice of the hearing was published prior to the meeting in accordance with the statute. Commissioners had no questions.

Commissioner Schafer moved to close the public hearing at 7:01 pm. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Schafer and Walker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

a. 2025 Tax Levy Ordinance #780

Superintendent Garrity reported that the district's tax levy is approved at this first meeting in December so it can be filed with the county no later than the last Tuesday of December. The park district is levying 5% to capture any new property. Cook County will apply the tax cap and reduce the levies from the Recreation Fund as needed. The total amount levied for 2025 is \$6,680,383, which is consistent with prior years. Commissioners had no questions and thanked Superintendent Garrity for her work on the tax levy.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve Ordinance #780 levying taxes for all corporate purposes for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, Cook County, Illinois for the levy year 2025. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Schafer and Walker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

b. Ordinance #781

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve Ordinance #781 directing the Cook County Clerk as to reduction of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District's real estate tax levy for levy year 2025. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Schafer and Walker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

c. Irwin Park OSLAD Renovation – Site Construction Bid

Executive Director Boehm reported that very competitive bids were submitted for this project, with the low bid coming from Innovation Landscape. Superintendent McAneney and Upland Design did

reference checks, and all came back very favorably. This project includes the bulk of the work involved in the park renovation.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the bid from Innovation Landscape in the amount of \$570,200 for the Irwin Park OSLAD renovation. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Schafer and Walker. Nays: None. Motion approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- Kudos to Superintendent Patrick McAneney and his team for dealing with snow Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.
- Manager Vargo and her staff are finishing up preparations for Light Up the Trail which takes place toward the end of the month.
- Flossmoor's tree lighting was held this past Saturday, with some 103 people attending in the snowstorm, and Homewood's tree lighting is this Friday.
- This is Manager Lyndsay Freeman's last week with the HFPD, and we thank her for all her years of service.

Commissioner Schafer

- Thank you, Lyndsay. It feels like we just got to know you, and now you're leaving, but it sounds like there are good things for you ahead. Thank you for all you did to get the Ice Arena back up and running. Good luck to you.

Commissioner Walker

- Lyndsay, we wish you the best and good luck to you.
- Thank you again to Patrick and Parks for their work with the snow.

Commissioner Coderre

- Noticed the holiday yard cards and the lights on the buildings, and all the upcoming holiday events. The park district really shows up during the holiday season and makes it magical for everyone. Thank you.
- Lyndsay, thank you for coming to the meeting tonight for a proper thank you for all your work with the park district. You've been on quite a journey with the Homewood-Flossmoor Ice Arena, and you have a lot to be proud of. You will take all the tales and experience with you; we appreciate everything you've done and good luck in the future.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Schafer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary