



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

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

**Minutes of January 20, 2026**

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 McAneney, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Irwin Center Manager Oralethea Davenport, Ice Arena Manager Jennah Carlson, and Secretary Anne Brabec.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – None

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$799,114.10. 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 DECEMBER 31, 2025**

Superintendent Garrity reported that two 20% real estate tax payments were received in December. The remaining payments should be released between January 21 and February 5. Commissioner Bachus inquired about the better than budgeted Ice Arena revenue; Director Boehm answered that it is primarily due to the those effected by the shutdown of the Oak Lawn Ice Arena coming to the H-F arena. Superintendent Garrity added that she received a call from the new grant administrator who will now be working on issuing the Ice Arena grant funds.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Minutes – December 2, 2025, and December 16, 2025
- b. 2025 Donation Report  
A report from the Executive Secretary summarizing donations for the calendar year 2025.
- c. Status of the 2025-2026 Core Values & Goals
- d. Grant Report  
A report from the Superintendent of Finance & Administration listing the grants that were applied for and received in 2025.
- e. 2025 Annual Report

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### a. Coyote Run Golf Course 2026 Rates and Policy Change

Executive Director Boehm indicated that General Manager Denklau summarized the discussion that took place at the January Committee meeting into his report on the recommended 2026 rates and policy change. Commissioner Dennison, who was not at that meeting, asked for some clarification, which Commissioner Bachus provided.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the rates and policy change as presented for the 2026 golf season. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### a. Recreation Spring 2026 Fees & Charges

Superintendent Gianatasio reviewed that many of the fee adjustments were made to work toward the cost recovery goals. He highlighted new teen programs; Recreation Supervisor Cook is working with IPRA and SSSPRA to find ideas that have worked for this age group in other districts. More adult Try-It classes are being offered, which is part of the Master Plan. Senior trips are very popular, so more will be offered this spring. A girls-only flag football program will be introduced, with the hopes of offering more girls-only sports programming, especially if the district receives the grant that Supervisor Diaz applied for that would offset some of the costs.

Commissioner Coderre is glad to see the district is still trying more teen programming even though so far what has been offered has not had enough registrants to run. There was discussion on how to make families aware of these new teen programs. HPFD has successful teen tennis and summer camp options, as well as the high school basketball league.

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve the Recreation Spring 2026 fees and charges as presented. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Executive Director Boehm

- The OSLAD work at Irwin Park has begun. The Parks Department removed the ballfield fence, and in the upcoming weeks as weather allows the playground equipment will be removed and a construction fence put up. At the end of March/beginning of April when the weather breaks, the major work will begin, and the marketing team will inform the community.
- The next meeting, on Tuesday, February 3, is the goals meeting at the Irwin Center beginning at 6:00 pm. The budget meeting is on March 3, at 6:00 pm, at Goldberg. A light meal will be provided both evenings.

Commissioner Dennison

- Loved looking at the Annual Report. It's a feel-good piece.
- Wondered if the value of donations given in 2025 was consistent with previous years, which it was.
- Kudos to Supervisor Diaz, the Sport Complex, and the well-organized basketball leagues.
- Thank you to the staff for all that was done over the holidays to bring something special to our community. You did a great job in touching all the avenues.
- Looking forward to Conference next week and learning some good things.

#### Commissioner Schafer

- Asked Manager Birgel how social media post tracking is done.
- Great that public skates have done so well; asked for more information about the upcoming Olympic Showcase.
- Amazing that the golf course was open for 330 out of 365 days!
- Asked about the preschool enrichment programming and how “lunch bunch” works with it.
- Wished the Polar Express pajama day had been part of the preschool program when her son was there!
- Missed the Light Up Trail, but wow! The numbers were so high and can’t wait to go next year. Commissioner Bachus added that he loves that a brand is being built the event is becoming a tradition for families.
- Glad to see the park district hosts AARP tax prep; it is an amazing service. Manager Davenport added that almost all the 400 appointment slots are already filled.
- Wondered if cross country skis can be rented over the weekend; Manager Vargo said if there will more than 4” of snow, then they may open on Saturday, but usually skis are available on Friday and can be returned to the Irons Oaks porch on Monday.
- Asked if the Extra Innings survey had positive results; Superintendent Gianatasio reported it did.
- Wiley’s 12.8% increase over 2024 is impressive.

#### Commissioner Walker

- Everyone is doing an amazing job; he is proud to represent the park district.

#### Commissioner Coderre

- Saw the outdoor ice rinks being shoveled; excited to see they are almost ready to open. Executive Director Boehm indicated that when they are open, the website will be updated and social media announcements made. The caution tape will come down, and the skate library put up.
- Shout out to Parks for how nice the new lighted pathway looks at Leavitt Park.
- The Annual Report made her very proud to live here.
- Really looking forward to Conference. She advised the new Commissioners to look at the session offerings and plan their day ahead of time.

#### Commissioner Bachus

- Asked for a report on how the MLK Day of Service projects went; Manager Davenport provided a report on the successful blood drive and the Community Workshop. The intergovernmental session will take place on Wednesday. Manager Vargo added that the outside project at Irons Oaks was canceled in advance due to the extreme cold.
- A big thank you to all, and he regrets that he won’t be at Conference.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:45 pm, Commissioner Dennison moved to enter in the Executive Session for the purpose of 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 Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 7:57 pm.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Approval and Reclassification of Executive Session Minutes**

Commissioner Walker moved to approve and keep confidential section 2(c)(1), Discussion Topics #1 and #2 of the minutes for July 15, 2025. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve and declassify sections 2(c)(6) and 2(c)(21) of the executive session minutes for July 15, 2025; and the executive session minutes for August 5, 2025; August 19, 2025, and November 4, 2025. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Dennison moved that the need for confidentiality no longer exists and to declassify Section 2(c)(11) of the executive session minutes for February 18, 2025, and Section 2(c)(1), Second Discussion Topic, for the minutes for April 15, 2025. Commissioner Schafer 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 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; November 19, 2024; February 18, 2025; April 15, 2025; and July 15, 2025. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary