



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

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

Minutes of February 17, 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, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer, Ice Arena Manager Jennah Carlson, Secretary Anne Brabec and Visitors Dave Dennison and Kirk Fallah.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

President Bachus recognized Mike Nussbaum, a Homewood resident who served on the Board of Park Commissioners for 12 years, including three as president, who passed away on Friday. Mike was instrumental in the formation of Coyote Run Golf Course. Commissioner Bachus, Commissioner Dennison and Executive Director Boehm attended Mike's services to pay condolences to his family, and they are in our thoughts and prayers.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – Kurt Fallah, owner of Windy City Poker, expressed he'd like to restart the conversation about utilizing Wiley's Grill for events.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Bachus inquired about the amount paid in credit card fees and if everything is going well with Blackline IT.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$464,656.10. Commissioner Schafer 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 JANUARY 31, 2026

Superintendent Garrity reported that HFPD has collected about 83% of real estate taxes. The next bills will go out on March 1, with payment due April 1. Funds will most likely not be received in this fiscal year. Commissioner Walker asked if there are any line items trending over budget; Superintendent Garrity indicated she can provide a more detailed report that will better provide that information.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes – January 6, 2026 and January 20, 2026
- b. Annual Staff Training Summary
A report from the Human Resources Manager summarizing staff training programs for the calendar year 2025.
- c. Revenue Development and Management School
A report from the Superintendent of Recreation Board recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the participation of Superintendent Gianatasio in NRPA's Revenue Development and Management School in March 2026 at an expense not to exceed \$3,178.

d. Ordinance #784

An ordinance authorizing the disposal of certain items of personal property by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.

Commissioner Coderre mentioned she loved seeing all the trainings being done by staff as it is a great reflection on the district's core values.

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. Surplus Spenddown Update

Executive Director Boehm reviewed the most recent surplus spenddown report. Projects still in the works include the RFC Welcome Center relocation and website rebranding. It is hoped items can be purchased for these prior to May 1, and if needed, funds will be re-budgeted for next year. The RFC spin room flooring project has been put on hold.

NEW BUSINESS

a. 2026 Recreation Camps Fees & Charges

Superintendent Gianatasio indicated that fee changes are related to the cost recovery model that is in place. Additional Lego camps were added since these contractual Lego camps had waitlists last summer. Resident summer camp registration opens March 3.

Commissioners agreed the increases are modest and that following the cost recovery model is important.

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

b. Summer 2026 Ice Arena Fees & Charges

Ice Arena Manager Jennah Carlson reported that proposed increases are \$3 per class and \$1 for skate rentals, which follows the cost recovery model. The Ice Arena fees would still be lower than those at many area facilities.

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

c. March and November Board Meeting Date Changes

Executive Director Boehm shared that due to a new amendment to the Open Meetings Act, public bodies cannot hold a meeting on an election day, which affects two of HFPD's 2026 scheduled meetings. It is recommended that both the March 17 regular meeting and the November 3 committee meeting be moved to the Mondays prior to each date.

Commissioner Dennison moved to move the Tuesday, March 17, 2026 meeting to Monday, March 16, 2026 and the Tuesday, November 3, 2026 meeting to Monday, November 2, 2026. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

d. 2025 Yamaha UMAX 2 EFI Range Picker Purchase

Superintendent Garrity reviewed General Manager Tom Denkau's report regarding the two Yamaha purchases. Commissioner Schafer wondered why these items were not included in the budget. As a member of the Golf Committee, Commissioner Coderre indicated that since budgeting is done at the very beginning of a golf season, it isn't always possible to anticipate if a machine will not make it to the next season. Commissioner Bachus added that there are also times when something that will be needed becomes available or is found for a good price, and the decision is made to allocate or repurpose funds to proceed with the purchase while possible.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the purchase a 2025 Yamaha UMAX 2 EFI Range Picker in the amount of \$15,645 from Harris Golf Cars Sales. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

e. 2025 Yamaha UMAX Deluxe Bistro Unit Purchase*

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve the purchase of a 2025 Yamaha UMAX Deluxe Bistro Beverage unit in the amount of \$15,285 from Harris Golf Cars Sales. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

DISCUSSION

a. HFPD Scholarship Program

Superintendent Gianatasio led commissioners through a discussion reviewing the current process for granting scholarships and three scenarios for improving the program. Ideas were shared and Superintendent Gianatasio will prepare a report for approval at an upcoming meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- The first RFC Community Engagement Committee meeting is on Monday.
- Sweetheart Dance is this Friday.
- The Ice Arena is hosting a college hockey tournament.
- The solar project is moving forward; testing has been completed, the RFC roof inspected, and the agreement signed.
- The Gold Medal Committee is nearing completion of HFPD's entry and it will be submitted.

Commissioner Coderre

- Asked if there is an entry fee for the upcoming hockey tournament.
- Gave a shout out to Accounting Manager Nikki Cypranowski, who recently earned a cycling certification. It is awesome that we have professionals, not in the recreation department, who are involved in recreation outside of their jobs.
- It is no small feat to offer theater; glad to see the Jungle Book production.
- Excited for the changes coming to Irwin Park and likes the capital projects addition to the website.
- Looking forward to the results of the job fairs.

Commissioner Walker

- Great to have the warm weather but sad to see it put an end to the outdoor ice rinks.
- Looking forward to more golf and the great summer coming up.
- Everyone is doing an amazing job. It looks like everything just magically appears, but he knows there is a lot of hard work behind it all. He's hearing good feedback from the neighborhood.

Commissioner Schafer

- Inquired how Poms works since she noted lower participation but high revenue.
- Asked Superintendent Gianatasio about partnering with Richton Park for volleyball and if that will be done with other communities.
- Appreciated everyone thanking the Board for being able to attend Conference; she really enjoyed interacting and getting to know everyone better. It was a great experience.

Commissioner Dennison

- Thank you to everyone who put in extra time to attend the goals meeting, as well as the upcoming budget meeting.

Commissioner Bachus

- It is nice that everyone says thank you for being able to attend the Soaring to New Heights Conference, however, it's really the Board that would like to thank everyone for taking the time to participate in the opportunity. Glad that it is enjoyed and everyone gets a lot out of it.
- Good luck on the job fairs.
- Thank you for all the work on the outdoor rinks; sorry we didn't get more days with them.
- Loves the mural timeline in the long hallway at the Racquet & Fitness Club; would like to see it updated since the last included entry is from 2017.
- Asked if numbers could be included in the sponsorship report.
- Glad to see the soft roll out in allowing non-members to sign up for group fitness classes at RFC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

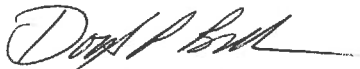
At 8:22 pm, Commissioner Dennison moved to enter in the Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(8) security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, staff, the public, or public property. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 8:36 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Coderre moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary