



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

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

Minutes of March 16, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Coderre. Commissioners Dennison and Schafer 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, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel, Ice Arena Manager Jennah Carlson, Secretary Anne Brabec, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas, and Visitors Tim, Miyu and Wakana Hill. Commissioners Bachus and Walker were absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – Wakana Hill read a statement she prepared requesting the Board consider making Coyote Run Golf Course a Youth on Course participant.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$430,566.95. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, and Schafer. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2026

Superintendent Garrity reported that the district is on track with collecting 2024 real estate taxes, and that no 2025 taxes have yet been received and are expected in late April/May.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2026 and February 17, 2026
- b. Setting of the Public Hearing Date for the Proposed 2026-27 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance # 785
A report from the Superintendent of Finance & Administration recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to place the proposed Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget & Appropriation Ordinance #785 on display, in accordance with park district code, beginning April 17, 2026, and to set the Public Hearing date for May 19, 2026.
- c. Personnel Policy Manual Updates
A report from the Human Resources Manager recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the updates to the Personnel Policy Manual as presented.

Commissioner Dennison thanked Human Resources Manager Rose for updating the personnel policies.

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

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Scholarship Program
Superintendent Gianatasio reviewed the updated standard scholarship application and the new day camp scholarship application which were created based on the guidelines discussed at the March

committee meeting. Since that meeting, Superintendent Gianatasio applied for a \$30,000 grant through Camp Out for Kids, an organization that has provided funds for several children to attend HFPD camps the past several years. This is the first time the grant has been applied for, and if awarded, the park district would be able to directly provide funds to families in need who participate in its summer camps. Notification of the application status is expected by the end of April.

Commissioners thanked Superintendent Gianatasio for pursuing the grant and for the improvements to the financial assistance program.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the changes to the Financial Assistance Program and the new Day Camp Scholarship Application as presented. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, and Schafer. Nays: none. Motion approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- He and Superintendent Garrity will be working through the final updates to the budget
- Plans are being completed for the Community Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 4

Commissioner Schafer

- Inquired if the surplus spenddown work at the RFC Welcome Center is scheduled to be paid within this fiscal year
- Asked how it is determined that a class needs to be canceled due to low enrollment

Commissioner Dennison

- Congratulations to Superintendent Gianatasio for finishing the Revenue Development Management school
- Enjoyed meeting with Manager Carlson last week; she's really working hard and has some new ideas for the Ice Arena

Commissioner Coderre

- The board report indicated that weather permitting, the work at Irwin Park would be starting today – but the weather definitely did not permit!
- Looking forward to spring and the Lucky Egg Hunt

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary