



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

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

Minutes of April 21, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Bachus. Commissioners 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, Coyote Run General Manager Tom Denklau, Irwin Center Manager Oralethea Davenport, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel, Ice Arena Manager Jennah Carlson, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer, and Secretary Anne Brabec. Commissioner Coderre was absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

Executive Director Boehm indicated this was Mike Gianatasio's last Board meeting with the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, as he is moving on to an Executive Director position with the Downers Grove Park District. Boehm thanked him and wished him well in the good things ahead. The HFPD is proud of him and all the good things he has done for the district.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$440,224.26. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 2026

Superintendent Garrity reported the district has collected more than \$2 million in taxes this month, and the \$500,000 grant that was received for the Ice Arena is also included in this month's financial report.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes - March 3, 2026, and March 16, 2026
- b. Summer 2026 Bus Transportation Service
A report from the Superintendent of Recreation recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the proposal from Alltown Bus Service for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District transportation services for summer 2026.
- c. Final Status of 2025-2026 Core Values & Goals
- d. Irons Oaks Fees & Charges
A report from the Irons Oaks Manager recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the Irons Oaks Fees & Charges as presented.
- e. Policy & Procedures Manual Policy 3.13: Sponsorship Policy
A report from the Marketing & Public Relations Manager recommending the Board of Park

Commissioners consider a motion to approve Policy 3.13: Sponsorship Policy for inclusion in the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Policy and Procedures Manual.

Commissioner Bachus noted that Alltown Bus is located in Glenview and wanted to make sure that would not be an issue; Superintendent Gianatasio indicated they have a local dispatch location and understood the bid requirements.

Commissioner Bachus made recommendations that the Sponsorship Policy include in-kind sponsors and that exclusivity may need to be considered for naming-rights sponsors.

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Summer 2026 Recreation Fees & Charges

Superintendent Gianatasio shared the extensive lineup of the summer's new programming for all ages. Fee increases are due to the cost of supplies and staffing.

There was discussion about whether offering so many programs may lead to more programs not running due to low enrollment. Gianatasio indicated staff are looking at trends and what is being offered in other park districts, but it is always hard to know what will work in our community. Executive Boehm added that our community is known for waiting until the last minute to register, so it is a fine line to know when to cancel a program.

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

b. Lions Club Pool Deck Chair Replacement

Superintendent Gianatasio reported that 200 Lions Club pool deck chairs need replacement, which will be done in three phases. In this first phase, 85 will be purchased. The chairs have a similar look to the current chairs.

Commissioner Bachus asked if the current chairs will be scrapped; Gianatasio said he will work with Superintendent McAneney to see if there is any value to their aluminum frames.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the purchase of Lions Club Pool deck chairs from Leisure Creations in the amount of \$19,950.79. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

c. Coyote Run ProGator Sprayer with Attachment Purchase

General Manager Denklaue reported Coyote Run has two sprayers, dating back to 2004 and 2008. A sprayer is a vital piece of equipment, as sometimes there is less than 12 hours to treat a detected disease. Funds for this purchase through Sourcewell were included in the 2026-27 budget. The sprayer would be ordered now, with delivery expected in about two months.

Commissioner Bachus asked what would be done with the two current sprayers. Denklaue indicated the better of the two will be used as a backup, and the other kept for parts.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the purchase of one 2026 ProGator with an HD300 SelectSpray attachment in the amount of \$57,997.49 from Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC of Elgin, Illinois. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

d. Coyote Run Fairway Mower Purchase

General Manager Denklau reminded everyone that Coyote Run has three 2004 and one 2025 fairway mowers, and since it is a vital piece of equipment, it is important to make sure they are always in good working order and to replace older units when needed. This purchase would be through Sourcewell, which guarantees the lowest available market price. This John Deere mower purchase is included in the 2026-27 budget and would be ordered now for delivery in about three months. It comes with a two-year warranty.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the purchase of one 2026 John Deere 7500A PrecisionCut Fairway Mower in the amount of \$83,301.32 from Revels Turf and Tractor, LLC of Elgin, Illinois. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

e. Policy & Procedures Manual Policy 7.29: Fund Balance/Net Assets Policy

Superintendent Garrity indicated that both the auditors and the distinguished agency review committee mentioned that the District should have a Fund Balance/Net Assets policy. She reviewed policies from other park districts and worked with Lauterbach & Amen to create the policy presented for approval. The policy sets parameters for where the fund balance should remain when making decisions such as whether a spenddown should be done. The policy includes the main funds but does not include the special revenue funds (Ice Arena, Racquet Club and Golf Course) because those balances should reflect what is actually happening. Minimum balance is specified as four to six months of the next year's budget.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve Policy 7.29: Fund Balance/Net Assets Policy for inclusion in the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Policy and Procedures Manual. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

f. H-F Racquet & Fitness Club Fitness Center Flooring Replacement

Manager Schaffer reported that putting new rubber flooring tiles on top of the existing flooring in the free weight/strength area of the fitness center is part of the surplus spenddown plan. RFC and Parks staff would move the equipment onto the track, so about one-third of the track would be closed for approximately three days. Members would still be able to use the remainder of the track. Some of the free-weight equipment will be placed within the fitness center so it can still be used. Installation will take one day, and one day for curing. Members will be sufficiently notified of the project dates.

Commissioner Dennison appreciates that this is a visual project and members will be able to see that improvements continue to be made at the Club.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the quote from Midwest Commercial Fitness for the purchase and installation of flooring for the RFC Fitness Center free weight/strength area in the amount of \$12,600. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

g. Parks Department Vehicle Purchase

Superintendent McAneney reported that auto dealers were contacted to compare truck pricing, but none could do better than Sourcewell's price. Parks Department trucks have been blue for a good while, however that color has been eliminated, so the new truck will be white. The last time a truck was purchased was in 2024, and this new truck will replace a 2010 F-250 with 109,000 miles. Money has been included in the 2026-2027 budget for this purchase.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the purchase of a new 2026 Ford F-250 Super Duty F-250 SRW with Pro 3 Snowplow from National Auto Fleet Group in the amount of \$62,672.41.

Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- Saturday is a cooperative Wellness in the Woods program at Irons Oaks
- The teams at Parks and Irons Oaks are working on installing the nature playground
- The work at Irwin Park is moving along well

Commissioner Schafer

- Really good to see an 11% increase in membership at RFC
- Love the idea of encouraging the grade schools to connect with RFC and learn tennis
- Great to see that opening fitness classes to RFC non-members has led to some of them becoming members
- Good to see the increased number of hockey teams
- Totally missed the April Fool's squirrel whisperer joke and agrees with the public that a program would be a great idea!
- Was very excited to see the disc golf tournament, and hopes it happens again and is open to younger ages

Commissioner Dennison

- Heard that the new beverage cart arrived at the golf course today
- A true sign of spring – the Irwin fountain is on!
- What a great service the AARP tax help is for senior community members; amazing that it began in 2007
- Love that Supervisor Cook is on top of things at Lions Club Pool; it is great that she's been certified and is already training lifeguards
- Looking forward to Saturday at Irons Oaks for Wellness in the Woods; she used the Amilia app all on her own to sign up!
- The best to you, Mike (Gianatasio). Hopes he is going away with a lot of fond memories and education provided by his five years at HFPD. Thank you.

Commissioner Walker

- Everyone is doing an excellent job; he's hearing really good things in the community
- Everyone's loving the Racquet Club; he has a client from New Lenox who goes to RFC and had nothing but good things to say about it
- We're going to miss you Mike

Commissioner Bachus

- Kelly, good luck with your 30+ new hires. We're lucky to have you representing the park district and bringing everyone up to speed
- It's fertilizing season; are we status quo with what we're doing, what's on the website, and how we're notifying the community? Superintendent McAneney replied, and a discussion of the HFPD fertilization policy will be added to the May 5 Committee meeting agenda.
- To Mike Gianatasio, thank you for everything you have brought to the district, you have had a significant impact, and we are super proud of you. It is a testament to the entire community and our park district when one of our very own gets a nod to be an executive director. Good luck to you!

EXECUTIVE SESSION

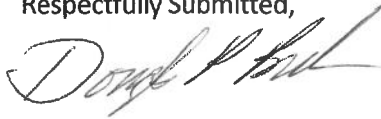
At 8:08 pm, Commissioner Dennison moved to enter in the Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(1) discussion of the appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District and for the purpose of 2(c)(7) the sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investments contracts. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 8:43 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary