



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

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

**Minutes of May 19, 2026**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Bachus. Commissioners Coderre and Schafer were present in person and Commissioner Walker was present via Zoom. Also present were Executive Director Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Superintendent of Recreation Oralethea Davenport, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Patrick McAneney, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, Ice Arena Manager Jennah Carlson, and Secretary Anne Brabec. Commissioner Dennison was absent.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – None

BUSINESS OF THE 2025-2026 BOARD

President Bachus declared the business of the 2025-2026 complete.

CALL TO ORDER OF THE 2026-2027 BOARD

Board Secretary Boehm declared the first meeting of the 2026-2027 Board called to order and called the roll, with Commissioners Coderre, Schafer, Walker and Bachus present. Commissioner Dennison was absent.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Executive Director Boehm indicated that ballots were prepared from input received from the commissioners, with Commissioner Bachus running for the position of President and Commissioner Coderre for Vice President. Commissioners were invited to write in a name if desired.

Ballots were tallied with Brent Bachus winning the vote as President and Angie Coderre as Vice President. Commissioner Coderre moved to approve the election of Commissioner Bachus as President and Commissioner Coderre as Vice President for 2026-2027 and to include the ballots in the meeting minutes. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Ballots were cast by those present in person as follows:

Commissioner Bachus:	Brent Bachus for President and Angie Coderre for Vice President
Commissioner Coderre:	Brent Bachus for President and Angie Coderre for Vice President
Commissioner Schafer:	Brent Bachus for President and Angie Coderre for Vice President

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Commissioners decided upon their committee appointments for 2026-2027:

Recreation	Debbie Dennison and R. Erika Schafer
Racquet & Fitness Club	Debbie Dennison and R. Erika Schafer
Ice Arena	Angie Coderre and Brent Bachus
Irons Oaks	Brent Bachus and Byron Walker
Golf	Angie Coderre and Byron Walker

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the Board Committee Appointments for 2026-2027 as decided. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

#### **APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve the claims list in the amount of \$476,071.86. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

#### **PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING APRIL 30, 2026**

Superintendent Garrity pointed out that the Improvement Fund reflects that only about one million dollars of the \$1.5 million surplus spenddown was spent. She also noted changes in how the OSLAD grant funds are now processed by the state.

Commissioner Bachus noted that this report reflects the full fiscal year, and highlighted a few items:

- The Racquet & Fitness Club Fund is up 7.3% year-over-year in revenue and finished the year in surplus of \$36,000. This is the first year in all his years on the Board that he has seen that.
- It is the first time we've gone over \$3 million in revenue at Coyote Run and Wiley's.
- The overall actual revenues vs expenditures finished in the black, which says a lot. A big thank you to Superintendent Garrity and her team for keeping us on track.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of Approval of Minutes - April 7, 2026, and April 21, 2026
- b. Resolution #674  
A resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay wages and salaries of employees during fiscal year 2026-2027 and to make payment to the IMRF.
- c. Resolution #675  
A resolution authorizing the Treasurer to authorize necessary petty cash funds for the combined corporate and operating funds of the District for the fiscal year 2026-2027.
- d. Fiscal 2026-27 Core Values & Goals  
A report from the Executive Director recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider motion to approve the Park District 2026-2027 Core Values and Goals as presented.
- e. Ordinance #786  
An ordinance authorizing the disposal of certain items of personal property by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Public Hearing on the 2026-2027 Budget

At 7:18 pm, President Bachus called to order the public hearing on the 2026-2027 budget. There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Coderre moved to close the public hearing at 7:22 pm. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: None. Motion approved.

b. Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #785

Superintendent Garrity reviewed the budget process. Since the preliminary budget discussion, updates were made based upon more accurate pricing, May 1 salary increases which have a direct effect on the FICA and IMRF lines, and the \$250,000 carryover of spenddown funds that were not spent. The budget is appropriated at 110% to help eliminate the need for a reappropriation hearing, which still does happen at times.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve Ordinance #785, an ordinance adopting combined annual budget and appropriating such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray all expenses and liabilities of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026 and ending April 30, 2027 and specifying the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for each object or purpose. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion.

c. Approval of Appointments

Executive Director Boehm reviewed the recommended park district appointments. Commissioner Bachus asked if anything had changed from last year; they have not. He also wondered if the H-F Chronicle should also be included as a Newspaper of Record, and it was agreed that it should.

Executive Director	Doug Boehm
Board Secretary	Executive Director
Board Treasurer	Steve Ojode
SSSRA Board Member	Superintendent of Recreation
ADA Coordinator	Superintendent of Recreation
FOIA Officers	Executive Director, Superintendent of Finance & Administration, Executive Secretary
OMA Officers	Executive Director, Executive Secretary
Attorney	Robbins Schwartz
Auditor	Lauterbach and Amen, LLP
Financial Advisor	Speer Financial Inc.
Newspapers of Record	<i>Chicago Sun-Times and H-F Chronicle</i>

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the appointments of the Executive Director, Board Secretary, Board Treasurer, SSSRA Board Member, ADA Coordinator, FOIA Officers, OMA Officers, Attorney, Auditor, Financial Advisor and Newspaper of Record, with the addition of the *H-F Chronicle* as a second Newspaper of Record. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion.

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

Executive Director Boehm

- In addition to the discussion topics at the next meeting on June 2, Will Davis has been invited to attend so the park district can properly thank him for his work in securing the Ice Arena grant money.
- A large tree fell during the recent storm on the fence near the golf maintenance building; about 30 feet of fence was involved. A claim will be submitted to PDRMA.
- Day camp registration is low; Marketing will do an extra push to make sure people realize June is less than two weeks away

- Asked Superintendent McAneney to give a Lions Club Pool update; the pool is filled and the grates are in. It is chlorinated and being balanced. The baby pool pump was replaced. A leak on a slide hose is being repaired. The Splash Pad had a power outage but is back up and ready to open.
- Teen Night at RFC has seven registered; we will make every effort to have it run.
- The meltdown of the studio rink has begun. It will be closed until September. During this time, we will monitor the utility savings. The meltdown of the large rink will begin June 28.
- Tomorrow is a Meeting After the Meeting, which is a quarterly meeting for full-time staff to keep everyone up to speed on what is happening throughout the park district and at Board meetings.
- A contract has been signed with Upland Design to begin designing a two-phase approach for the redevelopment of the South Commuter Lot in Flossmoor. The first phase is to meet the requirements to apply for an OSLAD grant by the end of August; then the second would be for additional features to the space. Plans are being made to roll this out as a joint effort between the park district and the village, with a community meeting run by Upland scheduled in June. Public feedback is vital to this process and will provide the information needed to know whether to proceed.
- Will be on vacation beginning Thursday and will return to the office June 1. Manager Cheryl Vargo will be point of contact.

#### Commissioner Walker

- Glad there will be a campaign to get the public involved in the South Commuter Lot project.

#### Commissioner Coderre

- Love to see that there will be a customer service training. Manager Rose confirmed that it will be focused on RFC, but also district-wide with all supervisors also attending, so there is continuity throughout the park district. Working on a best date; Fall may be best since we are entering our busiest season. Coderre shared the phrase “train the trainer,” so as staff turns over, the training continues with new staff.
- Nice to see the collaboration with Flossmoor Library at Irons Oaks; excited for the promotion of the new playground
- Saw a Facebook post about the lack of a bike rack at Irwin Park; Director Boehm indicated work is in progress to get one installed there
- Amazing that we received the Camp Out for Kids grant
- Interesting to see that people are so proactive with splash pad rentals with six already booked
- Will do what she can to get the word out about the summer ice promotion

#### Commissioner Schafer

- Spent time with her son on Sunday figuring out his camp attendance for the summer; hopefully if they were just getting that done, others will be looking at it now too and the camp numbers will increase
- The Paint on the Ice event looks very fun; Manager Carlson indicated registrations are open and walk-ins will also be accepted
- Glad to see we are fully staffed for the summer; Manager Rose indicated there are a few still being onboarded

#### Commissioner Bachus

- Asked if there is a timeline for the RFC flooring; Director Boehm indicated the supplies will be coming in within the week and Manager Schaffer is determining the best timing for installation at RFC
- Recreation Supervisor Diaz is keeping busy! Girls’ sports and partnering with other communities is good stuff!
- Love that Supervisor Barton has developed tennis partnerships with Heather Hill and Flossmoor Hills PTOs. Great to be introducing them to the sport and to the Club

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Coderre moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doug P Boehm".

Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary