



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

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

Minutes of June 16, 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 Oralethea Davenport, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Patrick McAneney, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Ice Arena Manager Jennah Carlson, H-F Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas, and Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the claims list in the total amount of \$1,095,809.08. 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 MAY 31, 2026

Superintendent Garrity shared that notification was received from Cook County indicating upcoming real estate tax bills will be delayed.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes - May 5, 2026, and May 19, 2026

b. H-F Ice Arena Parking Permit Fee

A report from the Ice Arena Manager recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the H-F High School parking permit fee of \$120 for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

OLD BUSINESS

a. Facility Rental Rates

Superintendent Davenport indicated the rates presented for The Clubhouse, Irwin Center, Irons Oaks and RFC were adjusted as needed based on the discussion at the June 2 Committee meeting and would become effective January 1, 2027.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the rental rate changes as indicated effective January 1, 2027. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. New Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Logo

Manager Birgel explained that following the discussion at the June 2 Committee meeting, fonts and colors for the new HFPD logo were tweaked, and what is presented tonight is the recommended final logo.

Once approved, the implementation portion of the project will begin. Slate Communications will provide style and usage guidelines. Digital use will be rolled out first and other items will be prioritized. There is \$60,000 remaining in the surplus spenddown for this portion of the project. Slate has indicated that a typical complete rollout can take from three to five years.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the new Homewood-Flossmoor Park District logo as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Indian Trails Court Resurfacing

Superintendent McAneney explained that as part of the annual court repair and resurfacing rotation, this year Indian Trails is due. Instead of keeping the two tennis courts there, the court on the east side will be transformed into a half basketball court with the hoop on the east side of the fence. A fence will be installed down the middle to separate it from the tennis court.

Two proposals were received for the project, and American Sealcoating provided the lowest. They have done many other park district courts in the past and are very good to work with. Accepting their proposal, along with the addition of the fence, will be under budget.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the proposal from American Sealcoating, Inc. in the amount of \$23,200 for court repair and resurfacing at Indian Trails Park. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. H-F Racquet & Fitness Club Roof Repair

Manager Schaffer indicated that RFC has had problems with roof leaks during heavy rains for a long time. Initially near the track, the issue has now expanded to other areas of the Club. Addressing the problems had been put on hold while investigation was being done on installing solar at the Club, but now that solar has been tabled, it is time to fix these problems.

Knickerbocker Roofing did work on the Ice Arena roof and provided photos and recommendation of the repairs and preventative maintenance needed.

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the proposal from Knickerbocker Roofing & Paving Co. Inc. for roof repairs and preventative maintenance at the H-F Racquet & Fitness Club in the amount of \$36,600. Commissioner Coderre 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

- He and Superintendent Davenport were at Lions Club Pool on Saturday for the reported Teen Takeover. While there were teens in the pool, many with families, and in the field and basketball areas, they were controlled and everything turned out just fine. Thank you to Homewood police for being in the parking lot and patrolling and to Commissioner Dennison for checking in to see if help

was needed.

- July 15 is a tentative date for the Irwin Park reopening celebration. Some rain garden plants won't be available until late summer, so alternates are being researched, and the wind turbine swings have been delayed again to mid to late July.
- Thank you to Homewood Police for closing and opening the Apollo gates; so far, this is working well.
- Pride Fest was this past Friday, and Flossmoor Park proved to be a great location. Vice President Coderre gave a great speech.
- Andrew Miller was announced today as the new Irwin Center Manager. He will begin July 6.
- Juneteenth in Flossmoor is this Friday. Superintendent Davenport and Coordinator Rab will man the HFPD table and have HFPD and Juneteenth giveaways
- The concrete contractor says the work on the Irons Oaks steps and railing will begin in early July
- Thank you to Commissioners Walker and Dennison for representing the district on the HFPD float in the Homewood July 4 parade.
- Along with the Village of Flossmoor, notification has gone out for a Community Input Meeting on June 24 regarding the potential South Parking Lot development. Upland Design will host and gather community feedback. Commissioner Bachus urged everyone to spread the word as its not every day that we have the opportunity to turn concrete into greenspace.

Commissioner Coderre

- Had first-hand experience with Camp Discovery and was very impressed with the program and the counselors
- The Ice Arena golf promo featuring Jennah Carlson was very well done. She received many text messages from people who loved it. She hopes the response encourages more creative endeavors.
- Reposted the Beast video to help boost registrations
- Really enjoyed having Pride Fest in Flossmoor and would like to see it held there again

Commissioner Schafer

- Really glad to see the increases in camp numbers. Her son had a lot to say about his first two days at Irons Oaks Adventure camp
- Great to see all the things that Supervisor Brandon Diaz has been doing and asked about the history of the in-house vs. contracted dance programming
- Wondered where the kickball league plays; Superintendent McAnaney answered it is primarily the ballfields at Patriots and Homewood Estates parks
- Excited about the America 250 Cookout; the activities sound great. Would like to see vegetarian hot dogs offered
- Quarter 2 sponsorships looked great
- Glad to see Irons Oaks received \$3,000 from Chicago Community Trust, and that facility rentals are up and volunteer opportunities offered
- Golf continues to look great, and it is good to see Wiley's revenue up
- Really glad that Teen Night at RFC reached 40 attendees
- Exciting to see that 23 out of the district's 41 flower beds are now native plants

Commissioner Walker

- Everyone is doing a good job. The parks look nice.
- Looking forward to the 4th of July and throwing out candy from the float

Commissioner Dennison

- Very impressed by Brandon Diaz and his work to incorporate new things

- Can't wait until the opening of Irwin Park. Thank you to Patrick McAneney for all the work
- Only been to the pool a couple times, but it is amazing to see how well behaved the campers are when they are there and how well the counselors and lifeguards interact with them
- Chicago Heights just opened a beautiful new splash pad at Commissioners Park which is just across Holbrook Road. Kudos to them
- Last week she and her dog Hunter sponsored the Trailhounds Walk and had 13 dogs there
- She understands why people are drawn to our golf course; the played there and the beauty is amazing
- Fun that the staff is getting ice cream on Friday

Commissioner Bachus

- Really enjoys reading the updates; it really helps get us in tuned in to what is going on from an operational standpoint. Thank you for taking the time and energy that goes into putting it together. It is enjoyable reading.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:51 pm, Commissioner Dennison moved to enter in the Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(11) discussion of pending, probable or imminent litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the District. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 8:13 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary