



HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
Committee Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners
Goldberg Administration Center
3301 Flossmoor Rd, Flossmoor, IL 60422

Minutes of June 2, 2026

The Committee Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Bachus. Commissioners Coderre, Dennison, and Schafer were present. Commissioner Walker arrived at 7:30 pm. Also present were Executive Director Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Patrick McAneney, Superintendent of Recreation Oralethea Davenport, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer, Ice Arena Manager Jennah Carlson, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Former Commissioner Steve Johnson, Representative Will Davis, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas, and Executive Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

PRESENTATION – President Bachus read a statement acknowledging and thanking Representative Will Davis for his work in procuring the \$500,000 grant received for the replacement of the ice making system at the H-F Ice Arena. Everyone then went outside, where Bachus unveiled the plaque at the newly planted tree in honor of Representative Davis.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

a. HFPD Branding

Via Zoom, representatives from Slate Communications provided background on the branding process and then introduced two proposed logos and examples of how they would look on such items as park district signs, facilities, trucks and shirts. Commissioners and staff discussed pros and cons of each logo and offered suggestions and ideas. Marketing & Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel also attended this discussion via Zoom.

b. Facilities Fees

Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo and Superintendent of Recreation Oralethea Davenport presented information on current rental and security deposit rates for The Clubhouse, Irwin Center, Irons Oaks and Racquet & Fitness Club. There was discussion on recommended fee increases. A report for approval will be presented at the June 16 Board meeting.

c. RFC Financial Review

Superintendent of Finance & Administration Karen Garrity distributed and discussed a spreadsheet of H-F Racquet & Fitness Center April 30 year-end balances from 4/30/17 – 4/30/26.

d. H-F Ice Arena Parking Permit Fee

Ice Arena Manager Jennah Carlson explained that the Ice Arena offers parking permits to H-F High School students for the school year. The last several years, they charged the same fee for the permit as the school and have sold out. The arena offers the most possible spots while keeping what is needed for their own patrons. The high school will be charging the same \$100 for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year; Carlson recommends the Ice Arena permit fee be increased to \$120. A report for approval will be presented at the June 16 meeting.

e. Friends of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Foundation

Commissioner Bachus shared ideas he researched online for foundation causes. Of those he found, conservation and youth scholarships may be the most relevant, and since Irons Oaks is involved in conservation, scholarships could be number one. He and Commissioner Coderre coined "Play It Forward" as a possible Foundation campaign slogan.

Staff input for a cause included scholarships, as well as a permanent pavilion at Irons Oaks. Commissioner Schafer led discussion on an indoor playground and bike friendly H-F.

Commissioner Coderre agreed to head the revival of the Foundation. Discussions on a cause and how and when to do this will continue.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- Teen Night at RFC this Friday is up to 12 participants; kudos to Manager Schaffer for making it happen
- All camps were off to a slow start this week, which is attributed to Flossmoor schools still being in session. Numbers are all much larger next week
- Manager Denklau reported in this morning's management staff meeting that golf was up 1,500 rounds in April and May compared to last year
- Final planning is being done for Pride Fest, which is Friday, June 12 at Flossmoor Park
- Superintendent McAneney provided an update on Irwin Park: all equipment is in, the poured-in-place is in, final grading is being done where the ball field had been and in the rain garden area. Planting, the seed blanket and sod will be done next. It will then need to be determined how to fence off the east side of the park where the grass will need time to get established and how to open the other areas of the park. Director Boehm added that the recreation team is working on a date for a grand reopening celebration
- Final interviews are being held for the Irwin Center Manager
- Gates are being installed at two Apollo entrances, and the park district will meet with the Homewood police department on how opening and closing them will work. Rover's Run members and the public will be notified
- Planning is underway for the Indian Trails courts to be redone as half a basketball court, a fence in the middle, and a tennis court. A report for approval will be presented at the June 16 meeting.
- The staff sitting in front of you is doing a lot of good work, especially going into summer, and I have a lot of respect and appreciation for each of them.

Commissioner Schafer

- There are so many great events in the brochure; unfortunately, I will be out of town and miss a lot of them, but looking forward to attending Brew and View
- Hopes word about Teen Night at the Club gets out a little more before Friday. People complain about nothing for teens to do, and this is a great event for the teens!

Commissioner Walker

- Everyone shines at these committee meetings. You are professionals and it shows. I appreciate and applaud you for doing an excellent job.

Commissioner Dennison

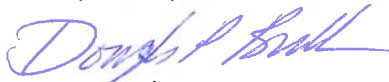
- For me, it's been a really great week. Did the dog walk, golfed seven holes, attended water aerobics at Lions Club. The air was cold, but the water was okay. Today played in the baby pool since there were no other kids there and played at Goldberg playground. Community members like herself get to enjoy all these things that everyone here works so hard to make happen, so thank you.

Commissioner Bachus

- It was really cool to have Will Davis here. It was the first opportunity he had to really meet him, so it was great to spend a little time with him.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Doug Boehm, Secretary