



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

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

Minutes of July 21, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 pm by Commissioner Dennison. Commissioners 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, Irwin Community Center Manager Andrew Miller, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, Recreation Supervisor Brandon Diaz, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas, Secretary Anne Brabec and Visitors Alexandra and Imani Green and Timothy, Shatisha, Carter and Carson Woods. Commissioners Bachus and Coderre were absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – Alexandra Green provided an update of the upcoming Parker Junior High golf season, Imani Green showed the patch on her golf bag that indicates she is from Flossmoor, Illinois, and Shatisha and Tim Woods added their comments regarding a junior rate at Coyote Run golf course.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the claims list in the total amount of \$801,344.66. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, and Walker. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

Superintendent Garrity pointed out that a payment from Blue Cross/Blue Shield for a class action settlement from years ago is included in the corporate fund, and recreation is up due largely to the \$30,000 grant that was received for camp scholarships.

Superintendent Davenport introduced Andrew Miller, HFPD's new Community Center and Clubhouse Manager. Commissioners welcomed him to the park district.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Minutes – June 2, 2026 and June 16, 2026
- b. Crisis Management Plan
A recommendation that the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the updated Crisis Management Plan as presented.
- c. Policy & Procedures Manual Section 5.7 Financial Assistance Program Revisions
A recommendation that the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the revisions to the Financial Assistance Program Policy as presented.

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

OLD BUSINESS

a. Girls Co-op Intergovernmental Agreement

Superintendent Davenport reported that the presented agreement was finalized and is ready for signatures from the Homewood-Flossmoor, Mokena and Oak Forest park districts. New Lenox will not be participating.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the Girls Volleyball Co-Op League Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, and Walker. Nays: none. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Fall 2026 Recreation Fees & Charges

Superintendent Davenport highlighted private basketball lessons, new VIP trips, and Discovery Dance for ages 3 – 5 as part of the district's new in-house dance program.

Commissioner Schafer had a question about the disparity between the resident and non-resident rates for one of the dance programs. Commissioner Dennison asked if the higher priced pom program can be paid in installments; Supervisor Diaz indicated that after a down payment, it can be paid in five installments.

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

b. Boom Lift Purchase

Superintendent McAneney reported that the parks department currently uses a bucket truck for trimming trees and changing light bulbs, but it is 24 years old and difficult to repair. A boom lift would be easier to maneuver in the parks and can reach 50 feet. A used 2024 unit was found in Florida, and the purchase price includes transporting it to Flossmoor and a two-year warranty.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the proposal from Company Wrench in an amount not to exceed \$59,200 for the purchase of a used 2024 Niftylift boom lift. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, and Walker. Nays: none. Motion approved.

c. Park Ordinance No. 763 Revisions

Executive Director Boehm indicated that the main revision to the park ordinance is that Irwin Park will now close at dusk, like all other HFPD parks, instead of 11:00 pm. This change is partly based on a recommendation from the Homewood Police Department.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the revisions to Park Ordinance No. 763 as presented. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, and Walker. Nays: none. Motion approved.

d. Pavement & Sealcoating

Superintendent McAneney reviewed that each year patching and sealcoating is done at pathways and parking lots in select park and facility locations. This year patching will be done at paths at Pinewood and Flossmoor parks. Parking lot patching will be at Millennium, Patriots, Apollo and Irwin parks, as well as the Parks Department garage. Crack filling and sealcoating will be done at the Millennium and Apollo park parking lots, and the new path at Leavitt park.

Two proposals were received, with Matthew Paving submitting the lower proposal. The company has done a lot of projects with the park district in the past and are good to work with.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the proposal from Matthew Paving in an amount not to exceed \$54,068. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, and Walker. Nays: none. Motion approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- Irwin Park grand reopening and Brew and View were both great events this week; thank you to all the staff who contributed and to those who supported them
- Repairs are done on the RFC roof, so we are ready for rain
- The flooring in the RFC weight area has been installed and positive comments from members have already been received
- There are three more weeks left for the pool; it closes August 9
- The auditors will be in next week
- Manager Rose continues to do onboarding and new employee trainings
- Had a discussion at the management staff meeting regarding air quality alerts and setting standards going forward
- The Ice Arena is on schedule to reopen on July 28

Commissioner Walker

- Attended the Irwin Park opening. It was really beautiful and everyone did a fantastic job. The ice cream was delicious, and he enjoyed the park immensely

Commissioner Dennison

- Enjoyed the America 250 Cookout and would like to see more events like it. Staff did an amazing job of utilizing Homewood Estates Park for the event
- The Irwin grand reopening was a wonderful celebration; asked where the turbine swings and benches will be placed once they arrive
- Andrew, welcome!
- Thank you to staff for the Brew and View; the weather ended up being very nice and there were great food trucks and vendors
- Glad to see there was so many participants at the Fishing Derby; what a gift to have the McDowell's granddaughter there

Commissioner Schafer

- Sorry to have missed the Irwin reopening, but she has now been to the park and her son enjoyed it
- Asked if the long-term solution for the accounts payable clerk position is the two full-time employees sharing it; Superintendent Garrity indicated it is
- Questioned what Community Solar is; Manager Vargo indicated she and Superintendent Garrity are in the investigative stages of it
- Glad to see the partnership with Goodspeed; and very cool that they are at Lions Club pool tonight
- What is Operation Indoor Fun? Manager Schaffer answered that it is the committee investigating the possibility of an indoor playground and Supervisor Diaz explained Project Halfpipe, and that the Recreation team is visiting area skate parks to provide recommendations for renovations to Extreme Scene
- Was the Weinermobile at Irwin Park? Commissioner Dennison replied that it was, and they distributed

whistles but not hotdogs.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:44 pm, Commissioner Walker 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 2(c)(21) discussion of minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion.

Meeting reconvened at 7:53 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval and Reclassification of Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve and keep confidential the executive session minutes of February 17, 2026, and June 16, 2026. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, and Walker. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve and declassify the executive session minutes for January 20, 2026, and April 21, 2026. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, and Walker. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Walker moved that the need for confidentiality still exists and to keep confidential all or part of the minutes for January 21, 2020; March 26, 2023; March 28, 2023; April 13, 2023; April 18, 2023; September 5, 2023; July 16, 2024; September 17, 2024; November 19, 2024; February 18, 2025; April 15, 2025; and July 15, 2025. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Dennison, Schafer, and Walker. Nays: none. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Schafer moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 pm. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,



Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary