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

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

Minutes of September 22, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:02 pm by Commissioner 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, H-F Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel, Marketing & PR Coordinator Steve Rab, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, Coyote Run General Manager Tom Denklau, *H-F Chronicle* Reporter Marilyn Thomas, and Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

Commissioner Bachus opened the meeting by commenting that the last Board meeting he attended was on August 4, and it is shocking to him what has taken place over that course of time. The things that we were concerning ourselves with on August 4 took a pretty dramatic turn on so many different fronts, and he is immensely proud of our community and what the park district does to support it. He acknowledged the tragic loss of one of the park district family, Eric Scheutzow, and asked for a moment of silence.

PUBLIC HEARING
The Public Hearing for the issuance of $4,200,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds for the payment of land condemned or purchased for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of the District, to provide the revenue source to pay certain alternate bonds and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Commissioners Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus were present. There were no comments from the public.

Commissioner Coderre moved to close the public hearing at 7:07 pm. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Superintendent Karen Garrity commented that the public hearing for the issuance of bonds is done every three years and it covers the October rollover.

PRESENTATIONS

a. Summer 2026 Storm Damage
Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator Steve Rab presented before and after drone footage and details of damage to HFPD parks and facilities due to this summer's three major storms.

b. Summer 2026 Programs & Events
Coordinator Rab played a video highlighting this summer's camps, activities and events.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Dennison moved to approve the claims list in the total amount of $498,444.46. Commissioner Walker 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 AUGUST 31, 2026

Superintendent Garrity reported that the District should begin to see funds from real estate taxes, which are due October 1, roll in during October and November.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes August 4, 2026, and August 18, 2026

b. NRPA Conference Travel Approval
   A report from the Superintendent of Finance & Administration recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve travel expenses for the NRPA Conference from September 29 – October 1, 2026, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in an amount up to $21,747.

c. Status of 2026-2027 Core Values & Goals

d. Ordinance #787
   An ordinance authorizing the disposal of certain items of personal property by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.

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

OLD BUSINESS

a. Medical Purchase of New Yamaha EFI Quietech Golf Carts
   Executive Director Boehm indicated that after the August approval for the purchase of golf carts, it was learned that Harris Golf Cars Sales no longer had 2026 carts available and will be providing 2027 carts instead.

Commissioner Walker moved to approve the purchase during the current budget year of twenty-three (23) 2027 Yamaha EFI Quietech Golf Carts in the amount of $98,463 from Harris Golf Cars Sales instead of the 2026 Yamaha EFI Quietech Golf Carts approved at the August 18 Board meeting. Commissioner Dennison 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

- Remembered Eric Scheutzow, who over his 10 years, 10 months with the HFPD worked hard and did a lot of good things for the district.

Commissioner Schafer

- Reiterated how hard things have been for our community, and how appreciative the Board is of how the staff have carried on, pivoted quickly, and served the community.

Commissioner Walker

- Thank you on behalf of himself, the Board, and the community.

Commissioner Bachus

- Hears from the community every day how much they appreciate what the park district does.

Commissioner Dennison

- HFPD created magic with all the challenges and helped the community start healing.

Commissioner Coderre

- If anyone is looking to heal, she recommends going into the Racquet & Fitness Club, which is like a big hug. She has been going there with her daughter to swim, and the staff have been so welcoming. The little interactions she's encountered there make life more meaningful.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:45 pm, Commissioner Schafer 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. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 8:35 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Consideration of Action on Discussion in Executive Session

Commissioner Walker moved to approve a salary increase of 4% for Executive Director Doug Boehm of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District effective May 1, 2026. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, Walker and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary