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

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

Minutes of October 20, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:01 pm by Commissioner Bachus. Commissioners Coderre, Dennison and Schafer were present. Commissioner Walker was present via Zoom beginning at 7:25 pm. 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, Irons Oaks Adventure Center Coordinator Melanie Reblin, H-F Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dan Schaffer, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Bob Birgel, Human Resources Manager Kelly Rose, Coyote Run General Manager Tom Denklau, Ice Arena Manager Jennah Carlson, Irwin Center Manager Brandon Diaz, Jasleen Kaur from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP, Aaron Gold from Speer Financial, Inc., Visitors Kate Coderre, Khalid Finley and Veronda Finley, and Secretary Anne Brabec.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – Visitor Khalid Finley thanked the Board and park district for making the decision to sacrifice a tennis court and putting in the half basketball court at Indian Trails. He would love to see two hoops there, with a fence in between to keep them as half courts. He indicated there is a need for more basketball options, as there are a lot of kids waiting to play and the younger ones often come onto his driveway to play. He added that it would be great if out of bounds lines could be added to the court at Indian Trails. Commissioner Bachus thanked Khalid for his input, acknowledged that the master plan included the need for more basketball, and said that the Board and District are keeping eyes wide open on this.

The Finleys and Kate Coderre left the meeting at 7:08 pm.

PRESENTATIONS

a. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Jasleen Kaur from Lauterbach & Amen, LLP reviewed the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2026. She indicated it is always a pleasure working with the district's financial team, and that for 33 years in a row, HFPD received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting issued by the Government Finance Officers Association, which represents the highest level of reporting a governmental agency can receive.

Commissioner Bachus asked what percentage of agencies Lauterbach works with receives the certificate; Ms. Kaur estimated 50%, which he said makes the District's achievement even more amazing.

b. General Obligation Bond Sale

Aaron Gold, Senior Vice President, Speer Financial, Inc. presented the results of the sale of the park district's general obligation, limited tax park bonds, Series 2026. The competitive sale was held October 14, with four bids received, which Gold indicated was exceptionally strong for this year. The low bid was from Republic Bank of Chicago, Oak Brook, Illinois, at a net interest rate of 3.66%. The closing date is November 3, 2026, with final maturity on December 15, 2027. The issue size was increased by $4,710 to $1,295,970 to fully use the levy capacity.

Aaron Gold and Jasleen Kaur left the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo introduced new Adventure Center Coordinator Melanie Reblin, who was promoted from an Adventure Center part-time position.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Commissioner Bachus asked if this month's claims include the last of the payments to Trees "R" Us. Superintendent McAneney indicated that it should be the last, as the county and state included the District in their cleanup efforts, so all the debris in the Apollo parking lot was removed at no cost.

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve the claims list in the total amount of $1,237,019.80. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

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

Superintendent Garrity explained that storm cleanup invoices were itemized as to hours and location, so those expenses are seen in the Corporate Maintenance, Golf Course and Irons Oaks funds.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes – September 22, 2026

b. Travel Expense Approval for 2027 PGA Show
   It is recommended that the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve maximum travel expenses for Coyote Run Golf Course Manager Tom Denklau and Assistant Manager Dan Gollinger to attend the National PGA Show in Orlando from January 26 - 29, 2027 in an amount not to exceed $3,194.

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Approval of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2026, as presented. Commissioner Schafer seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. Ordinance #788

Commissioner Schafer moved to approve Ordinance #788 providing for the issue of $1,295,970 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2026, 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 and to provide the revenue source to pay certain alternate bonds, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to Republic Bank of Chicago. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

c. 2026 Estimated Tax Levy & Resolution #677

Commissioner Dennison moved to adopt Resolution #677 determining the amounts of money estimated to be raised by the 2026 tax levy to be approved on December 1, 2026. Commissioner Coderre seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

d. Resolution #678 Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Appeals
Superintendent Garrity indicated in the past, a blanket resolution allowed Robbins Schwartz to represent the park district in any property tax assessment appeals. There is now a new law requiring a specific resolution for each appeal. This resolution #678 covers the three property tax assessment appeals currently active for properties within the park district's boundaries. The school districts are also appealing these assessments.

Commissioner Coderre moved to approve Resolution #678 authorizing Robbins Schwartz to intervene on the Park District's behalf in the property tax assessment appeals identified in Addendum A of the Resolution. Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Coderre, Dennison, Schafer, and Bachus. Nays: none. Motion approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Executive Director Boehm

- Trick or Treat Trail is this Saturday. Commissioners Bachus, Coderre and Walker volunteered for the HFPD table, 10:45 am – 2:00 pm.
- The Apollo south parking lot has been cleared, and Parks is now doing final cleanup there.
- The new HFPD logo will be rolled out November 2. An explanation of the new look will be featured in the Winter *Choices* brochure. Rollout will begin digitally, followed by items being updated or replaced.
- Irons Oaks had a great turnout for their cleanup day on a day off school last week.
- An RFC Open House is scheduled for November 15.
- This Sunday is the Family Spooky Skate at the Ice Arena.
- Manager Brandon Diaz applied for and received a $4,000 grant for flag football.
- Patrick McAneney and Golf Course Superintendent Phil Knight are working on getting the tree and plaque in memory of Mike Nussbaum planted at Coyote Run.

Commissioner Walker

- Looking forward to our next season's upcoming events.
- Will email Superintendent Garrity with a few questions.

Commissioner Schafer

- Commissioner Dennison and she met with Manager Schafer for the RFC board committee meeting. She's glad to see its revenue doing well and excited for the Welcome Center plans.
- Thank you to Superintendent McAneney for getting the Apollo south parking lot back open; she knows the Soccer Club is appreciative.
- Welcome to Melanie.
- Looks like golf will have a great December; due to El Nino, it's expected to be a warm winter!
- Thanks to everyone for all you're doing; keep it up!

Commissioner Dennison

- Congratulations to Superintendent Garrity and her team on receiving the certificate of achievement; now that we've heard that only 50% accomplish it, it brings you even more to the top.
- Congratulations again to Manager Diaz on his new position, and great work on the grant.

- Congratulations to Melanie for her new position after already being a member of our team; you're in the right place.
- Driving around town it's great to see that we've survived, it's been costly, but we've made it. Thank you to everybody for all their work.

Commissioner Coderre

- Got to experience the Irwin Park Pete the Cat story trail with her daughter and appreciates the choice of stories and how nice the boards look; little things can make a great difference and they're both nice upgrades from our previous story trails.
- Not so great for the girls' co-op volleyball league; sorry to see that it didn't take off and appreciates the effort that had been put into it. Hope we can continue to work on ways to get girls involved.

Commissioner Bachus

- Melanie, welcome.
- Brandon, congrats and thank you for all the cool stuff you're working on. It's fun to watch you continue to grow and thrive.
- Nice to see Q2 sponsorship numbers much higher than Q1.
- Loves that Khalid (Finley) came to the meeting; it's good when people come here and interact with the Board.
- Glad to see the tennis collaboration with the schools.
- 33 straight years earning the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is amazing and says a lot about the financial ground the park district is on.
- The next committee meeting is Monday, November 2; it was moved since Tuesday is an election day and we cannot hold a meeting on an election day.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dennison moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. Commission Schafer seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas P. Boehm, Secretary