

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Haderlein. Roll call was taken with Commissioners Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Attorney Matt Lulich, Superintendent of Parks and Planning Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Recreation Tracey Anderson, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Renae Ross, Superintendent of Coyote Run Dave Ward, Coyote Run Manager/Golf Professional Brian Smith, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dave Thommes, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Nicole Castagna, Administrative Assistant Pam Melnyk, Treasurer Howard Blumstein and Secretary Cathi Hurtubise. Commissioner Bertram arrived at 7:32 p.m.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – A revised agenda was presented.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Ordinance #560
An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Certain Items of Personal Property by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.
- b. 2009 Donation Report
This report is provided for the Board's information.
- c. Annual Staff Training Summary
A report from the Administrative Assistant summarizing staff training programs for the calendar year 2009.

Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Swimming Pools: Discussion of Public Meeting
The Board viewed the slideshow that will be presented at the public meeting on January 26th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. 2009, A Year in Review
Kopas presented 2009, A Year in Review: highlights accomplishments as well as frustrations for the year. Commissioners Bertram, Johnson and Haderlein enjoyed the report and complimented Kopas and staff on a good job. Commissioner Nevins and Camin were not able to read the report prior to the meeting.

b. Racquet & Fitness Club Tennis Fees & Charges

Manager Thommes presented to the Board proposed changes to the tennis court fees. Following discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the 2010-2011 tennis court fees and charges as presented. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

c. Coyote Run Fees & Charges

Manager Smith said greens fees at Coyote Run have not been raised since 2007. With the current economy and rise in unemployment staff believes an increase in fees would have a negative impact on the course. After further discussion, Commissioner Bertram moved to approve no increase to the Coyote Run pricing for the 2010 season. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the Minutes of December 15, 2009. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the Claims List in the amount of \$363,742.55. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009 – Commissioner Nevins asked why revenue in the general corporate fund was higher than the budgeted amount. Superintendent Ross replied that TIF funds were received and posted in the general fund. Ross also said that \$114,000 in tax revenue was received.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Director Kopas:

- Received approximately thirty applications for the manager position at Irons Oaks. Not all applicants meet the criteria. Interviews will take place over the next few weeks.
- This weekend is the Celebration of Winter program at Coyote Run.
- Supervisory training is scheduled for tomorrow. Topics include hiring and training of new employees.
- Leisure Services reviewed the slideshow that will be presented at the public meeting. Kopas appreciates the committee viewing the presentation and giving feedback. The committee is in support of the park district and will attend the public meeting.
- There are a few vacancies on the Leisure Services Committee. Superintendent Anderson is seeking interested and dedicated people. Anderson will also review committee by-laws for possible restructuring.
- Irons Oaks received the grant money from ArcelorMittal to build a gazebo in the park.
- New boxing opportunities are available at the Racquet & Fitness Club.
- Manager Thommes reported that use of the golf simulator has increased.

Commissioner Bertram:

- Happy to see that the ice rink at Flossmoor Park has been filled with skaters.
- Asked about the great horned owls at Coyote Run.
- Asked if there have been any geese on the golf course. Superintendent Ward replied that about one hundred geese were chased off the course today.
- Suggested staff might want to research a living roof at the club. Grant money may be possible.
- Asked if the park district offers mixed martial arts programs. Marketing Manager Castagna replied that individual martial arts programs are offered.

Commissioner Nevins:

- Enjoyed *The Shoes* performance.
- Likes the new entrance at Irwin.
- Asked if Office 2007 was implemented. Superintendent Ross replied there are some infrastructure upgrades that need to be done first.
- Impressed that 283 people came to see Bobby Hull at the Ice Arena.
- Happy to see the increase in adult hockey teams.
- Pleased with registration numbers in the winter session of Diversity Hockey.
- Happy to see that Camp Frosty was a big hit.
- Great to see the continued cooperation between all departments.
- Mentioned Squirrel Appreciation Day on January 21st.
- Congratulations to Sylvia and Nancy on receiving the 2009 Mary Seelig Tournament Director of the Year Award.
- Asked about land classes at the club. Manager Thommes replied land classes are held in the studio versus classes held in the pool.
- Commented that the village organizes community pick-up days for recycling.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Encouraged by the letter received from Dr. Mansfield about the Ice Arena.
- Spoke with St. Joe's Athletic Association. Enrollment in St. Joe's basketball program is down nearly 50%.
- Enjoyed the Bobby Hull night.
- Congratulated Irons Oaks on the grant money received for the gazebo.
- The Homewood Tree Committee is interested in partnering with the park district to celebrate Arbor Day.

Commissioner Camin:

- Asked about the ice layer on the greens. Superintendent Ward replied that there shouldn't be any issues with the turf since most of the ice has melted.
- Thanked Boehm for the pictures of the Irwin Center entrance.
- Likes the new marketing materials.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Had fun playing hockey last week at Flossmoor Park.
- Hope everyone enjoyed National Popcorn Day!

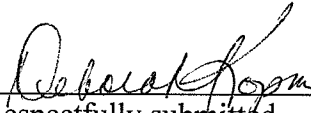
EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 9:11 p.m., Commissioner Bertram moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(21) discussion of minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes. Commissioner Nevins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 9:23 p.m.

Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the executive session meeting minutes of June 16, 2009 and November 17, 2009. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Commissioner Nevins moved to declassify the executive session meeting minutes of May 1, 2007, May 15, 2007, April 7, 2009, April 21, 2009 and May 19, 2009. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kopas, Secretary