

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2009**

The 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 Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Attorney Matt Lulich, Superintendent of Recreation Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Renae Ross, Superintendent of Parks and Planning Keith Gorczyca, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Jay Kelly, Superintendent of Coyote Run Dave Ward, Coyote Run Manager/Pro Brian Smith, Administrative Assistant Pam Melnyk, Irons Oaks Manager Tracey Anderson, Treasurer Howard Blumstein, Secretary Cathi Hurtubise and Leisure Services Committee Member Dallas Collins.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – A revised agenda was presented with item 12 Executive Session added for the purpose 2(c)(5) discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA –

- a. Alcohol Request for Starry Nights
A report from the Recreation Supervisor recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the sale of beer, wine and margaritas for Starry Night Concerts on June 12, June 26 and July 24, 2009.
- b. Alcohol Request for Dog Days
A report from the Recreation Supervisor recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the sale of beer and wine at Dog Days on August 15, 2009.
- c. Resolution #576
A Resolution Approving a Use Agreement Extension with the Illinois-Wisconsin Sertoma Regional Center for Communicative Disorders (“Sertoma”) for use of the Homewood-Flossmoor Racquet & Fitness Club.
- d. Surplus Property/Ordinance #542
An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Certain Items of Personal Property by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.

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

OLD BUSINESS –

- a. Refunding Series 1998 G.O. Bonds
Commissioner Johnson moved to approve Ordinance #541 authorizing Speer Financial to negotiate the refinancing of the 1998 G.O. Bonds with a minimum savings of \$75,000 and using an upfront savings approach. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. 2009-2011 Recreation Program Guide Bid
Commissioner Nevins moved to disqualify the lowest bidder, Woodward Printing, for lack of positive references. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved. Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the bid from the next lowest responsible bidder, Action Printing of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, for printing of the Summer 2009-Spring 2011 Recreation Program Guides. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.
- b. Recreation Summer Fees & Charges
Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the Recreation Summer Fees & Charges for 2009. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.
- c. Racquet & Fitness Club Enrollment Fees
Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the changes to the Enrollment Fee Structure and policy as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.
- d. Irons Oaks Scout Program Fees & Charges
Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the Scout Program Fees & Charges as presented effective May 1, 2009. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.
- e. Resolution #575
Commissioner Camin moved to approve Resolution #575 authorizing a Security Agreement with RBS Citizens N.A., d/b/a/ Charter One. Commissioner Nevins 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 February 17, 2009 and March 3, 2009. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the Claims List in the amount of \$435,600.12. Commissioner Camin 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 FEBRUARY 28, 2009 – Commissioner Johnson commended staff at Irons Oaks and the Ice Arena for increased revenues. Johnson questioned why the monthly expenses at the Ice Arena were more than the amount budgeted. Superintendent Boehm replied several expenses had occurred that were not in the budget. Director Kopas said allocation of monthly budget amounts may also contribute to the difference. Commissioner Camin questioned the high balance in the Improvement Fund. Superintendent Ross replied there are several items waiting to be paid such as new vehicles & tennis court repairs.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Board & Administrator, February 2009
- Various SouthtownStar Articles

DIRECTORS REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Director Kopas:

- It was a great weekend at the golf course. With the nice weather the golf course was able to open one day early; 35 rounds were played. The St Patty's Day Scramble was today with 149 players. The driving range was busy bringing in close to \$1,000.
- The park district received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 24th year in a row.
- All-staff mandatory training is Friday. Topics to be covered are safety policies, ADA and a general overview of the park district.
- Received the engineering report on the condition of the slide at Lions pool. Repairs to the slide surface and joints are needed in addition to welding work on mounting plates. Keith is working on obtaining cost estimates from various companies.
- Jay and Sylvia were presented with the Chicago Tennis Patrons Midtown Facility of the Year Award.
- Teen night at the club is Saturday.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Likes the new video on the Racquet & Fitness Club website.

- Questioned the attendance at Daddy Daughter Date Night compared to previous years. Boehm replied that attendance was lower last year due to bad weather. Kopas said in earlier years attendance as been as high as 600.
- Inquired about the leaks in the roof at the Auditorium.

Commissioner Camin:

- Pleased in receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award.
- Inquired about the drainage work at Irwin. Gorczyca replied that outdoor work will begin as soon as the weather is warmer.
- Thought the program *Build a Bird Feeder* offered on a school day off was a great idea.
- Asked if meetings on the new membership structure are going well. Kelly replied yes and said that once members understand the structure there is very little negative response.
- Questioned where the new location is for the Fine Arts Fair. Kopas replied that the fair has been relocated to downtown Flossmoor.
- Happy that the AM Club and Extra Innings children created Valentine's Day cards for veterans.

Commissioner Bertram:

- Pleased to see the *Build a Bird Feeder* program.
- Disappointed in the attendance at Let's Do Lunch.
- Disappointed the roof is leaking at the Auditorium.
- Thursday is the Flossmoor League of Women Voters debate.
- Enjoyed the safety luncheon.
- Inquired on the status of fireworks for the 4th of July. Kopas said both villages decided not to participate.
- Questioned if Kopas was able to contact the school district superintendent to discuss the tennis courts at Flossmoor Hills. Kopas said she met with Superintendent Joy who said they would like the courts resurfaced. Kopas suggested the school work with Sylvia to look for equipment grants.

Commissioner Nevins:

- Questioned if the canopy at Patriot's Park needs to be replaced. Kopas and Johnson said the canopy looks nice and helps protect the children from the sun.
- Pleased that Walt's is once again advertising park district programs on grocery bags.
- Happy to see the number of teens at the Friday Night Get Together.
- Pleased that enrollment continues to increase in Extra Innings.
- Attended the legislative breakfast with Commissioner Camin.
- Enjoyed the safety luncheon.
- Questioned if the board is required to address alcohol requests for Starry Nights and Dog Days each year. Kopas said it is park district policy to approve the requests yearly.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Pleased that Ice staff are meeting with Mt. Carmel, H-F and Lincoln Way High Schools.
- Happy to see that 14 of the 56 skaters enrolled in entry level classes are new to skating.
- Happy the driving range was open this weekend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 8:33 p.m., Commissioner Bertram moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(5) discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District. Commissioner Nevins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 9:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Deborah Kopas, Secretary