

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2010  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:31 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 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, Secretary Cathi Hurtubise, Leisure Services Committee Member Dallas Collins, SouthtownStar reporter John Ryan, Homewood resident Patricia Lundstrom and one guest that did not sign the guest list.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA** - None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Dolphin Lake Pool

Director Kopas said after trying to make Dolphin Pool into a successful operation for many years it has come to a point that it no longer makes sense for taxpayers to continue to carry that burden. Kopas said after agonizing reflection of other options it was with a heavy heart that she recommended the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to close Dolphin Pool.

Commissioners shared many happy memories of Dolphin Pool.

Commissioners expressed the difficulty in making this decision however they were in agreement that Dolphin Pool could not survive another year.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Park Rental Fees

Administrative Assistant Melnyk presented to the Board proposed fee changes for park rentals. Following discussion, Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the changes to park rental fees as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. Racquet & Fitness Club Pilates Reformer Fees

Manager Thommes said the Pilates Reformer program has grown, increasing instructor salaries and the need for more equipment. Thommes recommended an increase in program fees due to these additional costs. After further discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to approve changes to the Pilates Reformer fees as presented. 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 January 5, 2010, January 19, 2010 and February 2, 2010. 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 \$227,785.07. Commissioner Bertram 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 JANUARY 31, 2010** – Commissioner Nevins was pleased that Ice Arena revenue was more than the budgeted amount. Superintendent Boehm said in addition to the busy month at the Ice Arena a large past due payment was received. Commissioner Camin noted that revenue for the Racquet Club was down however expenses were down as well. Commissioner Haderlein was pleased that current year to date revenue is higher than last year.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Board & Administrator, January & February 2010

**DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

Director Kopas:

- Tom Schelling, the new Irons Oaks Manager, starts March 1st.
- Met with a representative of the Anita M. Stone Jewish Community Center to discuss the possibility of using their pool over the summer. Will continue to pursue the topic.
- Met with representatives of the Lions Club who are considering a donation to Lions Club Pool. A list of different concepts and ideas were provided for their review.
- Indoor golf lessons have been quite popular. Extra sessions have been added to accommodate those who are interested.
- Business on the golf simulator has increased.
- Coyote Run opens March 17th.
- Budget work continues.
- Handicap doors were installed at Irwin.
- Teen night at the Club is this weekend.
- The Leisure Services Committee has three openings and six people interested. Interviews will be conducted.
- Daddy Daughter Date Night was a success with 487 participants.
- Village of Olympia Fields approved the T-Mobile cell tower on January 25th.
- The spring Choices brochure is out and should have been received in homes by now.
- The park district has a huge presence on Facebook with sites for Coyote Run, Racquet & Fitness Club, Ice Arena, Rover's Run, Preschool, main HFPD page, Theatre and Irons Oaks. A Facebook page for teens will be added today.

- There has been an increase in attendance for group fitness classes at the Club. The classes are a free amenity included in membership. Members would like to see more classes offered however we can't afford to add more. Staff is looking at creative ways to combine classes and eliminate classes that are under utilized.
- Excited to see Chicago State has four tennis matches at the Club.

Commissioner Nevins:

- Pleased with the golf simulator totals.
- Happy to see that departments worked together on the Ice Arena ceiling.
- Pleased to see how well open skate and birthday parties are going at the Ice Arena.
- Asked if people are using the discovery packs at Irons Oaks. Superintendent Anderson replied the packs are being put together with grant funds and will be available to the public at a later date.
- Likes everything staff is doing on the website. Especially likes the new format for viewing the brochure.
- Happy to see the increase in attendance for the fitness center.
- Happy to see the increase in all birthday parties and the success of the New Year's Teen Night.
- Pleased that the cups for National Popcorn Day listed park district events and supplies for the program were donated.
- Pleased to see the increase in participants for Camp Frosty.
- Enjoyed the Celebration of Winter event. Very nice to see the theatre group participating.
- Delighted that Dustin Byfuglien made an appearance at the Ice Arena.
- Asked about the Backwards Science Fair. Superintendent Anderson said she was unaware of how many people participated in the event.
- Commented that the SSSRA dinner is the same night as the board meeting. Director Kopas said she has advised SSSRA that the park district would not be able to attend.
- Participating in the Alice in Wonderland play as the mad hatter.

Commissioner Bertram:

- Asked if there were signs posted at the outdoor ice rinks promoting indoor skating lessons. Superintendent Boehm replied that signs are posted for approximately ten days prior to each lesson. Unfortunately, signs have been vandalized.
- Suggested a possible going away party for Dolphin Pool.
- Wondered if the Lions Club would be interested in funding the pool lift at Lions Pool.

Commissioner Camin:

- Happy to see that Wylie will also patrol geese around Dolphin Lake.
- Commented that 95% of the snow has already been removed by the time the Racquet & Fitness Club opens in the morning. This effort by staff is much appreciated by club members.
- Happy to see increased attendance at the Racquet & Fitness Club.
- Was able to talk with Betty Irons at the IAPD conference.
- Will not be able to attend the March 16th board meeting.

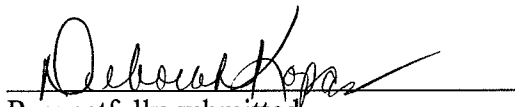
Commissioner Johnson:

- Had a great time at Daddy Daughter Date Night. LeeAnn does a super job with the program.
- Has heard several positive comments regarding the upcoming Starry Nights concerts.
- Would like to keep in mind the entryway challenges at the Auditorium.
- The spring Choices brochure looks great.
- Asked about attendance at the Movie Night at Northwoods. Superintendent Anderson replied that 25 people attended the first night and 12 attended the second night.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Will not be able to attend the March 16th board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Kopas, Secretary