

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 8:00 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 Coyote Run Dave Ward, Coyote Run Manager/Golf Professional Brian Smith, Irons Oaks Manager Tracey Anderson, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dave Thommes, Administrative Assistant Pam Melnyk and Secretary Cathi Hurtubise.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – Added to the Executive Session was section 2(c)6 discussion of the setting of a price for the sale or lease of real property for the use of the District.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Ordinance #544
An Ordinance Adopting Revisions to the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Policy and Procedures Manual.
- b. Ordinance #545
An Ordinance Determining the Prevailing Rate of Wages.
- c. Safety Manual
A report from the Superintendent of Finance & Administration recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the revised Safety Manual and Safety Policy Statement as presented.
- d. Special Pay Policy
A report from the Executive Director recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the revised Special Pay Policy as presented.
- e. Parks & Property Ordinance Regulations
A report from the Administration Assistant recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the revised Ordinance Regulating the Use of Parks and Property Controlled or Owned by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District as presented.

Commissioner Bertram 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. Public Hearing on the 2009-2010 Budget
President Haderlein called the Public Hearing to order at 8:01 p.m. No public was present. At 8:03 p.m., Commissioner Nevins moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

- b. Ordinance #543
Commissioner Nevins moved to approve Ordinance #543, an Ordinance Adopting Combined and Appropriating Such Sums of Money as May be Deemed Necessary to Defray all Expenses and Liabilities of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2009 and Ending April 30, 2010 and Specifying the Objects and Purposes for which said Appropriations are made and the Amount Appropriated for Each Object or Purpose. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

- c. Repeal Ordinance #541
Superintendent Ross explained that Ordinance #541 approved the 1998 Bond refunding at a competitive sale. The Ordinance needs to be repealed in order to approve Ordinance #546, conducting the refunding as a negotiated sale.

Commissioner Nevins moved to repeal Ordinance #541, an Ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,750,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009, of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, Cook County, Illinois. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

- d. Refunding Series 1998 G.O. Bonds
Commissioner Camin moved to approve Ordinance #546 authorizing Speer Financial to negotiate the refinancing of the 1998 G.O. Bonds with a minimum savings of \$75,000. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Irons Oaks Copier Purchase
Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the purchase of a XEROX Work Centre Pro 5632 from Chicago Office Technology Group in the amount of \$5,500 plus the maintenance agreement of \$29 per month. Commissioner Johnson 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 2, 2008, May 12, 2009 and May 19, 2009. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – Commissioner Nevins asked what the \$83,456 payment was to South Suburban Special Recreation Association. Superintendent Ross said the payment is the park district's member contribution. Superintendent Ross presented an addition to the claims list in the amount of \$41,165.00. Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Claims List in the amount of \$447,538.24. 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 MAY 31, 2009 – Commissioner Nevins was pleased to see expenses were lower than budgeted amounts. Nevins asked what was included in pool revenue. Superintendent Boehm replied that revenue is from the sale of pool passes and swimming lessons. Haderlein asked why recreation revenue was lower than the budgeted amount. Boehm said the difference is partly due to the timing of year end for schools and the start of summer camps. Superintendent Ross said it is also due to monthly budget allocations.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- None

DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Director Kopas:

- Introduced Dave Thommes, the new Racquet & Fitness Club Manager.
- Attended the Dolphin Lake Homewood Estates Homeowners' Association meeting on June 10th.
- Both pools are now open.
- Requests for proposals for new park signs have been mailed.
- Registrations for summer camps have increased.
- Enjoyed the Starry Nights concert on Friday. Disappointed in the number of tickets purchased.
- The Ice Arena has re-opened after being closed for one month. Much work was completed during shut down.
- The Summer Solstice is Saturday night.
- For the first time in nineteen years, the Wimbledon Trip offered by the Racquet Club was cancelled.
- Resumes are starting to come in for the Fitness Operations Supervisor position at the Club.

Commissioner Bertram:

- Commented that the Koi Pond looks nice.
- Had fun helping with the Senior Spelling Bee.

- Enjoyed the Homewood Art Fair.
- Enjoyed the Starry Nights concert.

Commissioner Nevins:

- Asked if art students at Flossmoor Hills School plan to paint additional trash cans. Superintendent Boehm replied that the painting of the garbage cans was a one time event.
- Pleased that standard hydraulic oil was changed to bio-blend.
- Happy to see that asphalt work at Patriots Park is done.
- Liked the Starry Nights banner across Ridge Road.
- Pleased with the increase in enrollment for A.M. Club and Extra Innings.
- Enjoyed the Starry Nights concert. Disappointed in the number of tickets sold.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Asked how many signs would be replaced this year. Kopas replied that signs at five parks are on the replacement schedule.
- Asked if there has been more feedback on the new pricing structure at the club. Manager Thommes replied that the pricing structure has been very well received and feedback has been positive.
- Asked when new treadmills would be purchased. Kopas replied that a proposal should be ready to present to the Board at the July meeting.
- Pleased that parks will be chosen the evening of the park tour.
- Happy to see that non-resident usage at Coyote Run has increased.

Commissioner Camin:

- Attended the Homewood Area Chamber Golf Outing at Coyote Run. Complimented Superintendent Ward on the condition of the course and Manger Smith on a great job done by staff.
- Received a few complaints from Club members regarding the inconvenience of the parking lot asphalt work.
- Kudos to Tracey and staff for accommodating over 300 students in one day.
- Received a number of positive comments regarding Starry Nights.
- Friday sessions will start at 9:00 a.m. during the IAPD Conference in January.
- Asked how the new procedures are going with the health insurance. Superintendent Ross said it has been challenging for both the park district and employees in learning and getting use to the new process. Camin asked if the reimbursement process is going well. Ross replied there have been a few issues but mainly the process has been fine. Ross said the district is seeing great savings across the board.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Enjoyed the Starry Nights concert.
- Happy to see that algae eating carp were released into the lakes at Coyote Run.
- Will not be able to attend the Summer Solstice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 8:50 p.m., Commissioner Nevins 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 and 2(c)(6) discussion of the setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the District. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

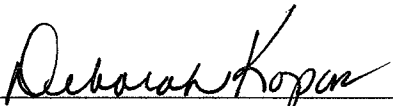
Meeting reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

Commissioner Nevins moved to approve executive session minutes of December 2, 2008 and May 19, 2009. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Commissioner Bertram moved to declassify the executive session minutes of December 16, 2003, May 10, 2005, March 7, 2006, March 21, 2006 and January 9, 2007. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Commissioner Nevins moved to destroy the executive session audio recordings from December 16, 2003 through May 15, 2007. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Deborah Kopas, Secretary