

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2010**

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 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 Members Debbie Dennison and Dallas Collins, and Dr. Pepper/7 Up Representative Jack Rohrer.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – Item 6a moved to item 12b.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Resolution #581  
A resolution authorizing the Treasurer to pay wages and salaries of employees during fiscal year 2010-2011 and to make payment to the IMRF.
- b. Resolution #582  
A resolution authorizing the Treasurer to authorize necessary petty cash funds for the combined corporate and operating funds of the District for the fiscal year 2010-2011.
- c. Beverage Agreement  
A report from the Superintendent of Parks & Planning recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to enter into a five year agreement with Dr. Pepper/7 Up for soft drink vending services subject to attorney review.
- d. Ordinance #562  
An Ordinance authorizing the disposal of certain items of personal property by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.

Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Nevins 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 2010-2011 Budget  
President Haderlein called the Public Hearing to order at 8:02 p.m. No public was present. At 8:03 p.m., Commissioner Nevins moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. Ordinance #561

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve Ordinance #561, an Ordinance Adopting Combined Annual Budget 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, 2010 and ending April 30, 2011 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. Ordinance #563

Director Kopas said previous discussions on ways to reduce expenses included offering a voluntary non-IMRF based early retirement incentive. After much research staff has put together a program they believe is fair to employees and beneficial to the park district. Commissioners agreed the retirement incentive program should be offered to qualifying employees. Commissioner Camin moved to approve Ordinance #563, An Ordinance Establishing a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Goldberg Koi Pond

Superintendent Boehm said the Koi pond at Goldberg has needed repair for some time. After investigation, Waters Edge Aquascaping of Lansing was recommended. Staff met with Dr. Goldberg who has graciously decided to donate \$5,000 towards the project. Commissioners were thankful of Dr. Goldberg's contribution. Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the proposal from Waters Edge Aquascaping in the amount of \$12,498 to remove and replace the Koi pond. Commissioner Bertram 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 April 13, 2010 and April 20, 2010. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS** – Commissioner Camin moved to approve the Claims List in the amount of \$705,106.91. 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 APRIL 30, 2010** – Commissioner Nevins was pleased with Ice Arena revenue. Commissioner Haderlein congratulated staff on a great job.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

- Letter from South Suburban Park & Recreation Professional Association announcing that Supervisor LeeAnn Fisk has received the 2010 Professional of the Year Award. Congratulations LeeAnn!

## **DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

### Director Kopas:

- The golf course has been very busy.
- Business department staff is working on year end.
- Parks department and pool staff have been busy at Lions Pool. Many nice improvements have been made. Some plant material at Dolphin Pool has been moved to Lions Pool. Kudos to staff for all their hard work.
- Commissioners and employees are invited to stop by Lions Pool on Friday, May 28th from 11:30-1:00 pm to see the new improvements. The concession stand will be open for lunch.
- Thanked everybody involved in Park Pride.
- Preparing for the Ice Show this weekend.
- Laura Berry had a baby girl last Friday.
- T-Mobile was out yesterday to meet with Tracey and Deb to discuss the construction process.
- Residents should have received the summer Choices brochure.
- Apollo 5K is this weekend.

### Commissioner Bertram:

- The Summer Solstice is June 19. Invitations should be coming soon. There is a different theme this year. It will be great fun!
- Received a complaint regarding Rover's Run; too muddy, not clean and needs mulch. Superintendent Boehm replied that with all the rain unfortunately the park will be muddy. Boehm said the park is cleaned every day Monday through Friday and has already received fresh mulch. Boehm will have staff look into the complaint.
- Sorry to have missed Park Pride Day. The parks look great.
- Would love to come to the lunch at Lions Pool.

### Commissioner Nevins:

- Asked about the issue of group fitness classes at the Racquet Club reaching capacity and complaints from members. Manager Thommes replied that classes have been added without affecting the budget.
- Impressed with the increase of entries in the USTA Women's National Indoor Tennis Championships.
- Pleased to see that at the suggestion of Music for Minors participants, a class for 4-5 year olds will be offered.
- Pleased the roof at Irwin didn't leak during the heavy rains.
- Impressed with the number of teens participating in teen night.
- Attended the May Leisure Services meeting.

### Commissioner Johnson:

- Enjoyed Park Pride.
- Asked about pool pass sales. Superintendent Boehm did not have the actual number of passes sold but did say that sales are down.
- Concerned with how the Dolphin Pool area will look now that materials are being removed. Boehm said staff is very aware of that concern and will continue to make the

area presentable. Options for the area will be discussed at the June 1st committee meeting.

- With the current success of the Chicago Blackhawks asked if the Ice Arena is planning any special events. Boehm replied there is a lot of product in the pro-shop that is being held until the Blackhawks are in the playoffs. The Ice Arena will be closed for annual maintenance beginning May 24.
- Asked about parking lot repairs at the Ice Arena. Boehm said staff is working on bid specifications.

Commissioner Camin:

- Asked if the pool will open on time. Superintendent Boehm replied yes.
- Asked about summer camp registration. Superintendent Anderson replied that as of today, 78 children are registered. This number is slightly higher than this time last year.
- The Choices brochure was very well done. Thought the calendar was a great idea.
- Happy to see the various advertising venues for Wiffle Fest. Asked where the digital billboard will be located. Marketing Manager Castagna replied the billboard will be on 294N near North Avenue. A stipulation of the grant funds was that the billboard be located at least thirty miles away from event location.
- Asked if the roof at the Racquet Club leaked during the rain. Manager Thommes replied no.
- Mentioned while attending a meeting he heard that park districts are the largest provider of before and after school care in the state.
- Will not be able to make the lunch at Lions Pool.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Park Pride was great.
- Attended the May Leisure Services meeting. Was great to see all the enthusiastic members.
- The Racquet Club looks great. Kudos to all staff. They have done a great job keeping the facility clean.
- Happy to see the progress at the Ice Arena.
- The golf course is in outstanding condition. Receives many compliments on the facility and the course. Kudos to all staff.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Director Kopas said the ballots read one commissioner running for president and two commissioners for vice president. Commissioner Nevins asked that his name be removed from the vice president ballot. Ballots were cast with Commissioner Haderlein running for the position of President and Commissioner Johnson for Vice President. Director Kopas tallied the ballots and announced that Bob Haderlein would be President and Steve Johnson would be Vice President. Commissioner Nevins moved to include the ballots in the board meeting minutes. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Ballots were cast as follows:

Commissioner Johnson: Bob Haderlein for President and Steve Johnson for Vice President.

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Commissioner Nevins: Bob Haderlein for President and Steve Johnson for Vice President.

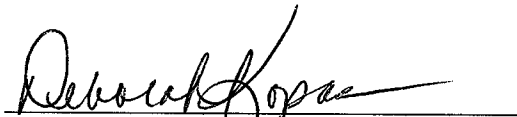
Commissioner Camin: Bob Haderlein for President and Steve Johnson as Vice President.

Commissioner Bertram: Bob Haderlein for President and Steve Johnson as Vice President.

- a. Committee Appointments - The Board was asked to select the committee on which they wished to serve. The results for 2010-11 were:

Recreation	Pat Nevins Steve Johnson
Racquet & Fitness Club	Pete Camin Sue Bertram
Ice Arena	Pete Camin Steve Johnson
Irons Oaks (2-year appointments)	Pat Nevins (expires 2012) Sue Bertram (expires 2011)
Golf	Sue Bertram Pete Camin

**ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

  
Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Kopas, Secretary