

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MAY 19, 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, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Keith Gorczyca, Irons Oaks Manager Tracey Anderson, Administrative Assistant Pam Melnyk, Secretary Cathi Hurtubise and SouthtownStar reporter John Ryan.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – None

**SWEAR IN COMMISSIONER NEVINS** – Attorney Matt Lulich swore in Commissioner Nevins.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** – Ballots were cast with Commissioner Haderlein running for the position of President and Commissioners Bertram and Nevins for Vice President. Director Kopas tallied the ballots and announced that Bob Haderlein would be President and Pat Nevins would be Vice President.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a. Resolution #577  
A Resolution Authorizing the Treasurer to Pay Wages and Salaries of Employees during Fiscal Year 2009-10 and to Make Payment to the IMRF.
- b. Resolution #578  
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 2009-10.
- c. Official Minutes Policy  
A report from the Executive Director recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the revised Official Minutes Policy as presented.

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** – None

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- a. Committee Appointments - The Board was asked to select the committee on which they wished to serve. The results for 2009-10 were:

Recreation	Pat Nevins Sue Bertram
Racquet & Fitness Club	Pete Camin Steve Johnson
Ice Arena	Pete Camin Steve Johnson
Irons Oaks (2-year appointments)	Pat Nevins (expires 2010) Sue Bertram (expires 2011)
Golf	Sue Bertram Steve Johnson

- b. Fall Recreation Fees & Charges Revisions  
Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the Recreation Fees & Charges Revisions for Fall 2009 as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.
- c. Vehicle Replacement  
Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the purchase of a used 2008 Ford E-250 cargo van from Sutton Ford in Matteson, Illinois for \$14,600 and declare the Dodge van surplus. 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 7, 2009 and April 21, 2009. 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 \$729,014.48. 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, 2009** – Superintendent Ross said the financial reports consist of preliminary numbers due to year end. Not included in the figures are any accrued expenses that may come in during the month of June. Further audit entries may need to be made. Commissioner Camin was pleased to see that pool expenditures for the fiscal year were \$55.00 less than the budgeted amount.

## COMMUNICATIONS

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## DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

### Director Kopas:

- Marketing Manager Nicole Castagna had her baby on May 12th, a beautiful baby girl named Natalie.
- Received a lot of positive feedback about Student Government Day. Thank you all for participating.
- The golf course is experiencing some good days and some bad days depending on the weather.
- PDRMA was out last week to start the review process which should take until November to finish.
- Fourteen trees were planted at Dolphin Lake. The trees were donated by the Village of Homewood. We appreciate the donation.
- Splash Pad is ready for the season.
- Lions Pool opens Saturday.
- The first Starry Nights concert is less than one month away. The rain location for the first concert is Marion Catholic High School. The school offered the use of their gym without any cost to the park district. Staff is very appreciative of the school's offer.
- The Ice Show was last weekend. The show was nicely done. The Arena will be closed from now through June 14th for annual maintenance.
- Youth Hockey has been very busy.
- Invitations to the Summer Solstice were mailed.
- Kopas asked Manager Anderson about her meeting with Doug Banks from ABC Network. Anderson said the television show *190 North* is doing a piece on "Places You Should Know in Homewood and Flossmoor". Crew came out to Irons Oaks and videotaped Anderson discussing the ropes course. They planned to continue the interview at a later date however due to weather they didn't make it back. Anderson is unsure if the piece will run. Kopas will advise when the program is scheduled to air.
- Anderson also taped a five minute segment on Comcast discussing the Foundation and the Summer Solstice.
- Summer hours for the Racquet Club begin May 30th with weekends closing at 5:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m.

### Commissioner Bertram:

- Noticed new handicap signs were posted. Asked who monitors handicap parking. Kopas replied the police will respond if someone should call.
- Likes the color of the new logo.

- Asked about golf simulator use during the summer. Kopas replied that if the golf course is closed due to weather, staff will call and encourage patrons to play on the golf simulator.
- Inquired about the floor in the dance room at Irwin. Superintendent Boehm replied that moisture issues are still a problem but should be eliminated once repair work is finished.
- Questioned when drainage work at Irwin would be completed. Superintendent Gorczyca replied that all pumps were installed however a new electric panel needs to be put in. The panel was previously damaged in a fire during the mid 1990's and was never repaired. Gorczyca said the panel was ordered about two weeks ago and should arrive soon. An electrician will be hired to install the panel.

Commissioner Nevins:

- Enjoyed Student Government Day.
- Pleased to see the reduction in annual resolutions.
- Happy to see staff from Recreation and Racquet Club working together on the Spring Walkabouts program.
- Pleased with participation numbers in AM Club and Extra Innings.
- Asked about the 27-inch carp that was caught at the Fishing Derby. Superintendent Boehm replied a picture of the child who caught the fish is on the website.
- Questioned the low enrollment and need for instructors for the Learning Tree Preschool. Boehm replied a few staff members have left and need to be replaced. Enrollment numbers are down. Lack of response seems to be due to the economy, demographic changes and those looking for full day care.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Happy to see that a meeting with Superintendent Mansfield will be scheduled.
- Asked if the canopy at Patriots Park would be replaced. Kopas said the canopy was damaged and taken down. Superintendent Gorczyca said a crane is needed to replace the canopy. The new canopy should be in place within the next two weeks.
- Asked how pools passes are selling. Superintendent Boehm replied that April sales were up approximately 35 from last year. To date, May sales have been slow.
- Congratulations to ice staff on the new contract with Providence Catholic High School.

Commissioner Camin:

- Questioned when Lions Pool opens. Superintendent Boehm replied Saturday, May 23rd.
- Commented that the golf course looks great.
- Happy to see that forty teenagers attended the Friday Night Teen Night.
- Attended the Legislative Conference in Springfield. Went to various committee meetings and met with Representatives Will Davis and Anthony DeLuca.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Complimented golf course staff on the condition of the greens.
- Congratulated staff on the ice contract with Providence Catholic High School.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 8:35 p.m., Commissioner Nevins moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(1) discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity and 2(c)(6) discussion of the setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the District and 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 Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 9:13 p.m.

Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the salary increase for the executive director as presented. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the executive session minutes of October 21, 2008, November 18, 2008, December 16, 2008, January 20, 2009, February 17, 2009, March 17, 2009, April 7, 2009 and April 21, 2009 as presented. Commissioner Nevins seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

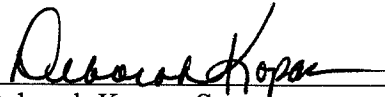
Discussion followed on declassifying the executive session minutes of February 17, 2009 and March 17, 2009. No motion was made.

Director Kopas said payment has not been received from Northwoods. Kopas continues to talk with Steve Nemitz weekly. Commissioner Haderlein plans to schedule a meeting with Nemitz.

Commissioners discussed the intention of the Olympia Fields Park Board to decrease their Irons Oaks agreement contribution by \$10,125. Commissioners and Director Kopas expressed frustration on what appears to be a lack of communication between the Irons Oaks Operating Committee and the Olympia Fields Park Board. Kopas said a special meeting has been scheduled with the Operating Committee.

Director Kopas said previously the Board agreed that cell tower requests should be considered and criteria established. Kopas informed the Board that the Village of Flossmoor's ordinance regarding cell towers is very restrictive. A new monopole cannot be located within a one mile radius of an existing monopole and zoning requirements would result in the park district having to deed the property to the cell tower company. Commissioners agreed they would not deed park district property to a cell tower company.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

  
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Deborah Kopas, Secretary