

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE MAY 4, 2010  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS**

The special 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 Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Superintendent of Recreation Tracey Anderson, Superintendent of Parks and Planning Doug Boehm, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dave Thommes and Flossmoor resident Bruce Huey. Commissioner Bertram was absent.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – Flossmoor resident Bruce Huey said while golfing at Coyote Run on May 2nd the pace of play was very slow. Huey said he questioned the ranger about the slow pace and was told there was a group on the course that included a commissioner and he couldn't ask them to leave. Commissioners present said they were not on the course at the time indicated. Kopas said she would discuss the issue further with the golf course manager.

**DISCUSSION TOPIC:**

a. Beverage Contract

Superintendent Boehm said the current ten year agreement with Pepsi expires July 18, 2010. Boehm said the service provided by Pepsi has deteriorated over the last three to four years with issues such as outdated product and frequently empty machines. A request for proposal was prepared and sent to four beverage venders. Three companies submitted proposals. Director Kopas said after the proposals were received, staff was contacted by an independent vending company who was interested in submitting a proposal. Commissioners reviewed the three proposals that were received and agreed that Dr. Pepper/7 Up was the most lucrative for the park district. Commissioners asked that Kopas verify with Attorney Lulich if an additional proposal could be accepted. Boehm will return to the Board with final results at the May or June board meeting.

b. Community Memorial

Director Kopas said Mayor Hofeld had requested that the park district rename Millennium Park for fallen firefighter Brian Carey. Commissioners agreed they did not want to change the name of Millennium Park. Commissioners suggested a memorial at Patriots Park since the park is already named for those who serve our country. Commissioners discussed a bronze firefighter statue along with a stone monument with a plaque describing how Brian gave his life serving this community. Commissioners agreed that another option would be to rename Independence Park. Commissioners want the Village of Homewood to know that the park district does not have funds budgeted for either of these options. Kopas

will contact Village Manager Franz and Commissioner Haderlein will contact Mayor Hofeld to discuss the issue further.

c. Ice Arena Operations

President Haderlein had a social discussion with School District 233 President Jodi Scariano at a school event. Haderlein is concerned that Scariano does not have accurate facts about the discussions that have taken place. Director Kopas said she has asked H-F High School Superintendent Mansfield to clarify that School Board President Scariano has all the correct information regarding the Ice Arena. Kopas said Mansfield and Scariano suggested getting all local government agencies together to see what can be done to save the Ice Arena since it is a community facility. Commissioners questioned the likelihood of other agencies getting involved. Commissioners suggested that Kopas and Haderlein schedule a meeting with Mansfield and Scariano to further discuss the topic.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

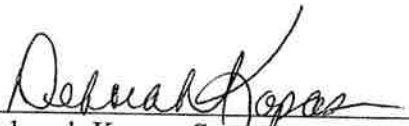
Director Kopas:

- Commissioners interested in Board President or Vice President should contact Cathi to have their name placed on the ballot. The election will take place at the end of the May 18th meeting.
- Dr. Goldberg has graciously decided to donate \$5,000 towards the rebuilding of the Koi pond. The additional \$7,500 will be included in the 2010-11 budget. A report will be presented to the board for approval at the May 18th meeting.
- Work on the Racquet Club roof begins tomorrow.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 9:12 p.m., Commissioner Nevins moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(1) discussion of the appointment, employment, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Johnson, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 9:59 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

  
Deborah Kopas, Secretary