

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 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, Camin and Haderlein present. Commissioner Johnson was absent. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Attorney Matt Lulich, Treasurer Howard Blumstein, 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, Marketing & Public Relations Manager Nicole Castagna, Administrative Assistant Pam Melnyk, Secretary Cathi Hurtubise, Leisure Services Committee member Dallas Collins, Village of Homewood Trustee Anne Colton and resident Fransico Santiago.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS:

Mr. Santiago expressed concern with the Racquet & Fitness Club membership fee structure and senior citizen rates. Santiago said the current structure doesn't accomplish the intent of the incremental discounts for his household. Santiago distributed a handout to Commissioners petitioning the Senior Plus One be changed to ages 18-62+ as long as the first member meets the age minimum.

Commissioner Haderlein asked Santiago if he spoke to staff regarding this issue. Santiago said he emailed Montie Buckle, Membership & Marketing Manager of the Racquet Club and spoke with Director Kopas. Haderlein said membership fees quoted to Santiago fall under the current fee structure.

Director Kopas said she advised Santiago that his household could receive either the senior discount or family discount but not both. Haderlein agreed that only one discount is allowed.

Haderlein said the board will review Mr. Santiago's handout and get back to him.

Village of Homewood Trustee, Anne Colton, introduced herself to the Board. Colton hopes to keep the line of communication open between all taxing bodies. Colton asked the board to contact her with any requests or concerns. Colton looks forward to working with the park district over the next four years.

Commissioner Haderlein congratulated Colton on her election as trustee. Haderlein said the park district looks forward to working with Colton and appreciates her taking the time to attend tonight's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Alcohol Permits for the 2009-10 Tennis Events at the Racquet & Fitness Club

A report from the Racquet & Fitness Club Manager recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve alcohol permits for the 2009-10 tennis social events at the Racquet & Fitness Club.

b. 2003 and 2004 Tax Rate Objections

A report from the Director recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to settle the 2003 and 2004 tax rate objections and to authorize Attorney Lulich to execute the required stipulations.

Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Vehicle Replacement

Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the purchase of three 2010 Ford F250 pickup trucks with plows from Sutton Ford, Matteson, Illinois in the amount of \$75,834. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved. Commissioner Bertram moved to declare the 1999 Jeep Cherokee and two 1999 Dodge 4x4 pickup trucks as surplus. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

b. Medical Insurance Renewal

Commissioner Nevins moved to approve BlueCross BlueShield employee medical insurance for the period of October 2009 through September 2010. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

c. Life & Dental Insurance Renewal

Commissioner Nevins moved to approve Tru Assure and Delta Dental employee insurance for the two year period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

d. Vision Insurance Renewal

Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the renewal of Vision Service Plan insurance for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011 with a 4.5% increase. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the Minutes of July 7, 2009 and July 21, 2009. Commissioner Camin 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 \$369,270.73. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Bertram, Nevins, Camin and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JULY 31, 2009 – Commissioner Camin was pleased with the increased revenue at the Racquet & Fitness Club.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Board & Administrator
- Ted Flickinger Invitation

DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Director Kopas:

- Met with Dr. Mansfield last week to discuss ideas on the future of the Ice Arena. A second meeting is planned for a later date.
- Disappointed in the vandalism at the golf course. Staff did a great job making repairs and getting everything back together quickly.
- Recognized Superintendent Ross and staff on the great job they have done helping employees understand the medical insurance plan. The process has really gone well because of their dedication. They have done a fabulous job.
- The Director's Report includes a lengthy list of projects completed by the parks department.
- The Ice Arena is hosting a tent sale this Saturday in the parking lot from 10:00-2:00 p.m. Merchandise from Coyote Run and the Racquet Club will be included.
- The fall brochure was delivered the end of July.
- Lions Pool closed last weekend. Dolphin Pool will remain open through September 7th.
- The pool at the Racquet Club will close next week for annual maintenance repairs. Club members are invited to use Dolphin Pool during this time.
- Josh May, the new Fitness Operation Supervisor, starts tomorrow. A meet and greet for members and staff will be held at the Club on August 19th from 10:00-12:00 noon.

Commissioner Camin:

- Pleased to see golf programs extended through the first weekend of November.
- Commented that the golf course looks great.
- Asked if Irons Oaks is partnering with KidsWorks Children's Museum in Frankfort. Manager Anderson replied that the Bubble-ology program on August 7th was offered in partnership with KidsWorks. Anderson said future partnering events could be possible.
- Happy to see a third session of Hobo Jungle offered.
- Pleased that photographs of completed projects are included in the Director's Report.

Commissioner Bertram:

- Confirmed that the staff meeting for the new environmental policy is Thursday at Irons Oaks.

- Saw the SouthtownStar article on the honeybee hive discovered at Irons Oaks. Manager Anderson said additional pictures are available on the SouthtownStar website.
- Asked if a reward will be offered for information leading to the person responsible for the damage at the golf course. Kopas replied that staff was concerned that advertising the damage could be enticement for someone else to come and do it again.
- Noticed that basketball camp was cancelled due to low enrollment. Asked if we had a lot of competition in this area. Superintendent Boehm replied there are several camps offered including three camps of our own.
- Asked if anyone had the results of the Illinois State Senior Spelling Bee. Superintendent Boehm replied that he did not have the results at this time.
- Impressed that 800 hot dogs were purchased on National Hot Dog Day.

Commissioner Nevins:

- Enjoyed the Starry Nights concert. Would have liked to see more people at all three of the concerts.
- Pleased that photographs of completed projects are included in the Director's Report.
- Happy to receive the thank you letter from School District 161 for the resurfaced tennis courts. Asked if there was any response from residents. Kopas said when visiting the site, residents stopped her to say how happy they were with the courts.
- Asked if registration numbers increased over the summer. Boehm replied that the summer was busy but unpredictable. Participation numbers are close to last year. Kopas said that camps ending at 1:00 p.m. were a hard sell in this economy.
- Pleased that the tree knocked down by a car at Patriots Park was removed so quickly. Kopas said the police report on the incident was received today. Superintendent Ross has already contacted the person's insurance company.
- Had a great time on the high ropes at Irons Oaks.
- Will be performing in a play at South Suburban College and will not be able to attend the September board meetings.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Complimented Superintendent Ward and Manager Smith for a great job done by staff.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



 Deborah Kopas, Secretary