

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 2009**

The committee 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 and Superintendent of Recreation Doug Boehm.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

a. Pools

Director Kopas brought up the topics of the aging of both Lions and Dolphin pools and the financing of a new pool at this time.

Concerns were expressed on previously discussed locations for the new pool; Lions Club Park is not centrally located, Dolphin Lake Park has topographical and size restriction issues and a site at Ravisloe would involve land costs as well as a concern for the future of the golf course.

Kopas said that financing a new pool would be hard even though the debt limit is not at its maximum amount. Kopas asked if making a commitment to repair and maintain the existing pools for a few more years is a better idea than committing to \$5,000,000 plus interest to build a new pool now.

Commissioner Johnson asked if maintenance and repair expenses at both pools could be reasonably predicted. Superintendent Boehm said expenses for Lions pool are more predictable than Dolphin.

Commissioners agreed that a plan should be in place for Dolphin Park prior to the pools closing. Kopas suggested that when Dolphin pool closes, the clubhouse could continue as a rental facility. Kopas doesn't see any major changes to the facility until a new pool is built. Boehm said the majority of swim lessons take place at Dolphin but could be moved to the Racquet Club, HF High School and Lions.

Commissioners requested an on-going assessment of the pools both pre and post season.

Commissioners agreed financing a new pool at this time would not be in the best interest of the park district but to maintain Lions & Dolphin pools as long as repair expenditures do not exceed \$100,000.

- Had proofs of the new park signs for the board to view.
- Will be off this Wednesday through Friday. Can be reached via cell phone.

Commissioner Bertram:

- Asked about two vehicles that were burglarized on park district property. Kopas said the first break-in happened at Lions Club. Boehm said a parent at swim lessons saw the second break-in, got the license plate number and called the police. The parent was able to positively identify the suspect from a police line-up. Supervisor Enslin will contact the parent to offer a complimentary session of swim lessons.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Commended Superintendent Boehm on the great job being done by parks staff. The parks look crisp and clean. Boehm said he could not be more impressed with how well staff is doing their job. Johnson asked what the board can do to thank staff and to encourage them to continue. Boehm invited the commissioners to attend the staff luncheon next week.

Commissioner Camin:

- Asked if repairs were made to the items noticed during the park tour. Boehm replied that everything has been done with the exception of turf restoration and ruts.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Thought tonight's meeting was great.
- Commented on a conversation he had at Coyote Run. Haderlein overheard a gentleman say he was worried about the golf course because he doesn't see a lot of people golfing. Haderlein assured the man the park district is fine.

Commissioner Bertram said she has seen trees throughout the district, especially on the golf course, that need maintenance and could possibly make people think the park district doesn't have enough funds for proper care. Boehm asked that Bertram notify him with any maintenance concerns.

Camin suggested that a newspaper article be written on all jobs completed this season.

Kopas updated the board on three vehicles that are scheduled for replacement.

Commissioner Johnson asked if payment was received from Northwoods. Kopas replied no.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 p.m. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Deborah Kopas, Secretary