

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Johnson. Roll call was taken with Commissioners Nevins, Collins, Haderlein and Johnson present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Attorney Matt Lulich, Superintendent of Parks and Planning Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Renae Ross, Coyote Run Superintendent Dave Ward, Coyote Run Manager/Golf Professional Brian Smith, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dave Thommes, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Marketing Manager Brett Rush, Ice Arena Manager Shon Washington, Administrative Assistant Pam Melnyk, Secretary Cathi Hurtubise, Leisure Services Committee Member Debbie Dennison and Patch.com Editor Ryan Fitzpatrick. Commissioner Bertram was absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – A second topic was added to Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(11) discussion of pending, or probable and imminent, litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the District.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

a. 2012 Board Meeting Schedule

b. Ordinance #585

An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2011 by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District to Pay Principal and Interest on \$2,510,000 General Obligation Refunding Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2009.

c. Ordinance #586

An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2011 by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District to Pay Principal and Interest on \$8,555,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2006A.

d. Ordinance #587

An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2011 by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District to Pay Principal and Interest on \$3,740,000 General Obligation Park Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2011B.

e. Resolution #595

A report from the Superintendent of Finance & Administration recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve Resolution #595 authorizing the continuation of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District's Deferred Compensation Plan.

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Recreation Spring Fees & Charges

Superintendent Boehm reviewed Recreation Fees & Charges with the Board. Following discussion, Commissioner Haderlein moved to approve the Spring Recreation Fees & Charges as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. Irons Oaks Fees & Charges

Manager Vargo reviewed Irons Oaks Fees & Charges with the Board. Following discussion, Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the Irons Oaks Fees & Charges as presented. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

c. Resolution #594

Superintendent Ross reviewed Resolution #594 with the Board. After discussion, Commissioner Haderlein moved to approve Resolution #594 Exempting Current Employees from the Requirements of Section 7-172(k) of the Illinois Pension Code (40 ILCS 5/7-172k) and amend personnel policy 4.1A to comply with Public Act 97-067. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the Minutes of November 8, 2011 and November 15, 2011. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – Commissioner Collins moved to approve the Claims List in the amount of \$399,494.85. Commissioner Haderlein seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2011 – Commissioner Johnson was pleased that Irons Oaks revenue is up 30% over last year. Director Kopas said the increase is due to tax revenue.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Board & Administrator, December 2011
- Article from chicagotribune.com

DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Director Kopas:

- Attended a meeting with Superintendent Ross and other government agencies to discuss surplus funds in the Washington Park TIF. The release of funds will be delayed until the Village of Homewood and the Homewood Library come to an agreement.

- The final Master Plan document is at the printer. Copies will be available soon.
- The 2012 IMRF rate is 20.66%. Typically the rate is around 11%. The high rate is due to the early retirement incentive offered in 2006 and investment losses in 2008. The rate should decrease in another year or two.
- Staff has started removing dead trees from parks.
- Attached to the Director's Report is copies of Santa letters that were received at the Irwin Center.
- Camp Frosty begins Monday, December 26th.
- Skate with Santa had 78 participants.
- Twenty-four skaters participated in the new program Holiday Exhibition at the Ice Arena. Approximately ninety people came to watch the event.
- The Discovery Center water remediation project is complete.
- Holiday tree recycling takes place at Irons Oaks on January 7th and January 14th.
- Congratulations to the Racquet Club for being honored Facility of the Year by the USTA-Chicago District.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Happy holidays to everyone!

Commissioner Nevins:

- Enjoyed the brunch at Irwin.
- Enjoyed receiving copies of the Santa letters.
- Congratulations to Director Kopas on her re-election to the PDRMA Board of Directors.

Commissioner Johnson:

- The registration process for the Hockey is for Everyone program was very well organized.
- There are so many great events and programs happening in the park district!
- Pleased the park district was able to assist the Village of Flossmoor with the decorating of downtown Flossmoor.

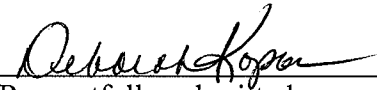
EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 7:18 p.m., Commissioner Nevins moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(6) discussion of the setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the District and 2(c)(11) discussion of pending, or probable and imminent, litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the District. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Director Kopas said the youth football league has asked for permission to move their trailer to Apollo Park. The trailer stores league equipment and was previously housed at the fire department training site adjacent to the park. Kopas informed the league that the trailer is not allowed in the park. Kopas recommended the league build a shed similar to what other sport organizations have built however the location and building specifications must be approved by the park district prior to construction.

Commissioners agreed the trailer is not allowed in the park.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Haderlein moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kopas, Secretary