

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 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, Bertram 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, Superintendent of Recreation Tracey Anderson, 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, Treasurer Howard Blumstein, Secretary Cathi Hurtubise, Leisure Services Committee Member Mike Matthys and Flossmoor Baseball President Ken Goff.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA - None

OLD BUSINESS

a. Truth in Taxation Public Hearing for Tax Levy

President Johnson opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. No public was present. Superintendent Ross reviewed Ordinance #582 with the Board. Commissioner Nevins moved to close the public meeting at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. Ordinance #582

Commissioner Collins moved to approve Ordinance #582, an Ordinance Levying Taxes for all corporate purposes for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, Cook County, for the Year 2011. Commissioner Haderlein seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

c. Ordinance #583

Commissioner Bertram moved to approve Ordinance #583, an Ordinance directing the Cook County Clerk as to reduction of the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District's Real Estate Tax Levy for Levy Year 2011. Commissioner Haderlein seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

d. Alcohol Request for Flossmoor Freeze Pond Hockey

Director Kopas said the Flossmoor Freeze Pond Hockey event sponsored by Flossmoor Baseball was discussed at a previous board meeting. Kopas said Flossmoor Baseball President Ken Goff has requested an alcohol permit for the event. Following discussion, Commissioner Haderlein moved to approve the issuance of an alcohol permit to

Flossmoor Baseball for the Flossmoor Freeze Pond Hockey Tournament from January 13, 2012 through January 16, 2012. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: Nevins. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS – None

DISCUSSION TOPIC

a. Dolphin Lake Park & Clubhouse

Director Kopas said after reviewing the bids received for the Dolphin Clubhouse roof project the question arose on whether or not funds should be invested in repairs if there is a possibility that something else might be done with the area in the future.

Homewood resident Mike Matthys is an architect with the Linden Group. Matthys took it upon himself to develop conceptual plans for both Dolphin Lake Park and the Clubhouse. Kopas said the plans are preliminary ideas with the goal of developing an overall master plan for the park and the building that could be phased in over several years. Kopas said one benefit of having a master plan in place is the capability to apply for grant opportunities as soon as they become available.

Matthys said he talked briefly with staff and made many assumptions when developing the plan. Matthys said he was excited to present a potential vision for the Dolphin Lake site and reviewed drawings with the Commissioners.

Commissioners thanked Matthys for his efforts and for sharing his ideas.

Commissioners discussed the benefits of having a master plan in place and agreed that a master plan for the entire park should be considered. Commissioners said focus should begin with the clubhouse and suggested hiring an engineer to determine the condition of the building.

Commissioners suggested that Kopas interview additional architects and agreed that a community meeting should be scheduled before moving forward on any plan.

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DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Director Kopas:

- Enjoyed the tree lighting ceremony. Happy to see so many people at the event.
- Was recently made aware of an easement at Millennium Park that was vacated by the village in 2001 and recorded as park district property in 2006. A neighbor of Millennium Park is landscaping his property and has included the easement area. Commissioners agreed that landscaping is fine but structures are not allowed.

- With the re-design of the parking lot at Western Avenue School, the Village of Flossmoor has requested an intergovernmental agreement be drawn between the school district and park district allowing school buses to exit on park district property.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Also enjoyed the tree lighting ceremony.
- The rink looks great.

Commissioner Bertram:

- Had a great time at the tree lighting. The tree looked magnificent!
- Will attend the luncheon at Goldberg.
- Looking forward to outdoor ice.

Commissioner Nevins:

- Enjoyed the tree lighting ceremony.

Commissioner Collins:

- Had fun at the tree lighting. Heard many compliments on how nice the tree looked.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 8:23 p.m., Commissioner Bertram 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. Commissioner Nevins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.


Meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

e. Ordinance #584

Commissioner Haderlein moved to approve Ordinance #584, an Ordinance authorizing the execution of a license and concession agreement with Tavern on the Green Bar and Grill, Inc., to operate the restaurant at Coyote Run Golf Course. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kopas, Secretary