

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 8:00 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, Knitting/Crochet Instructor Juanita Schreiger, Homewood Resident Susan Wolken, Dixmoor Resident Gwen Farley and Chicago Heights Resident Marybeth Briske. Patch.com Editor Ryan Fitzpatrick arrived at 8:31 p.m.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – Item 6b was removed from the agenda.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – Juanita Schreiger talked about an incident that took place during a crochet/knitting class. Schreiger was upset the program was cancelled due to the incident and that she was told she was no longer welcome at the Irwin Center. Schreiger would like her position as instructor reinstated. Commissioner Johnson said the responsibility of the Park Board is to assure safety for park participants and to establish policy and guidelines. Johnson said the Park Board does not administer the day to day affairs of the Park District. Johnson thanked Schreiger for coming to the meeting and suggested discussing personnel issues with the Executive Director.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

a. Ordinance #578

An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the 2011 Restated Articles of Agreement for the South Suburban Special Recreation Association.

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

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. Racquet & Fitness Club Indoor Tennis Court Resurface

Manager Thommes said one bid was received at the June 10, 2011 bid opening for the resurfacing of the indoor tennis courts. The bid submitted was from Perma-Seal in the amount of \$44,806 and was over budget. Staff revised the bid specifications and went back out to bid. Two bids were received at the July 11, 2011 bid opening with Tennis Surfaces Company submitting the low bid of \$41,500. After negotiations with Tennis Surfaces, the bid was lowered to \$39,000. Thommes also said a grant application was

submitted to the USTA based on the \$41,500 price and specifications. Thommes hopes to hear soon on whether or not the grant was approved. Following discussion, Commissioner Bertram moved to reject the bid from Perma-Seal in the amount of \$44,806, due to being over budget. Commissioner Haderlein seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved. Commissioner Haderlein moved to approve the bid from Tennis Surfaces Company, not exceeding \$41,500, for indoor tennis court resurfacing. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the Minutes of June 7, 2011 and June 21, 2011. Commissioner Collins 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 \$559,041.29. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2011** – Commissioner Haderlein was pleased that expenses were lower than the budgeted amounts. Commissioner Nevins asked about Ice Arena revenue. Superintendent Boehm replied that revenue could be down due to the cancellation of the first session of ice-skating camp and the fact that the facility was closed for annual maintenance. Commissioner Johnson was pleased that pool revenue was higher than the budgeted amount.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. Board & Administrator, July 2011

#### **DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:**

Director Kopas:

- Introduced Shon Washington, the new Ice Arena Manager.
- Over 800 hot dogs were served at National Hot Dog Day.
- The Watermelon Eating Contest was July 15th.
- The last Starry Nights concert is Friday. As of today, 356 tickets have been purchased.
- Auditors arrive on Monday, July 25th.
- Pool pass sales have exceeded last year by thirty-one.
- Thirty teams participated in Wiffle Fest last weekend.
- Photos taken at various events have been added to the website.
- Laura Berry has resigned to spend more time with her family. She will be missed!
- Happy to see all the people that attended Family Fun Fest.
- The Run for Freedom was July 4th with 149 registered runners.
- Tennisfest started Wednesday, July 13th and ends Sunday, July 24th.
- The fall Choices brochure went to the printer on Friday.
- Shared the news that Judy Hoffman passed away.

Commissioner Bertram:

- Was sorry to have missed the parks tour.
- Suggested the Irons Oaks Foundation might like to sell raffle tickets for their fundraiser at Starry Nights or other park district events.
- Missed having candy to give out during the 4th of July parade.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Liked the new layout for Wiffle Fest.
- While attending an event at a neighboring golf course, noticed that the typically busy restaurant was empty.
- Participating in the IPRA Legislative Golf Outing on Thursday.

Commissioner Collins:

- Enjoyed Family Fun Fest.
- Asked about playground safety mulch. Superintendent Boehm said different levels of mulch are needed for fall zone areas of playground equipment. Boehm said staff inspects playgrounds weekly to ensure that mulch levels remain safe.
- Enjoyed parent night for Hobo Jungle.
- Enjoying Lions Pool.
- Happy that last minute camp registrations are being accommodated.

Commissioner Nevins:

- Looking forward to the Starry Nights concert.
- ComEd has removed the utility truck that was holding a pole in Patriots Park.
- Sad to see Laura Berry is leaving Irons Oaks.
- Enjoyed tossing the football during the 4th of July parade.
- Suggested the use of water misters at outdoor events. Superintendent Anderson said misters were used during Hot Dog Day and will be set-up for the Starry Nights concert on Friday.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Welcomed Shon to the Park District.
- Enjoyed Family Fun Fest. Thanked staff for working on July 4th and making it a fun event for the community.
- Asked about the Rovers Run Advisory Committee meeting. Superintendent Anderson said eight people attended the meeting. Members discussed a fee increase to help cover the cost of a security gate and establishing term limits of one year and committee bylaws.
- Thanked Ryan Fitzpatrick for the videos on Patch.com of Dave Ward and Brett Rush.
- Thanked Manager Rush and the Marketing Department on an outstanding job.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – At 8:43 p.m., Commissioner Haderlein moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(21) discussion of minutes of prior meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for the purpose of review, approval or release of such minutes. Commissioner Nevins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 8:59 p.m.

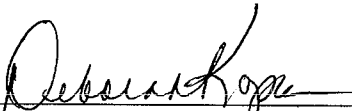
Commissioner Nevins moved to declassify the executive session meeting minutes of July 20, 2010, June 15, 2010, October 17, 2006, August 3, 2006, December 20, 2005 and December 6, 2005. Commissioner Haderlein seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the destruction of executive session audio recording of November 17, 2009. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Commissioner Nevins moved to approve executive session minutes of January 18, 2011, April 19, 2011, May 31, 2011 and June 7, 2011. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

Commissioner Nevins moved to declassify the executive session minutes of January 18, 2011, April 19, 2011 and June 7, 2011. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

  
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Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Kopas, Secretary