

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2011**

The special meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President Haderlein. Roll call was taken with Commissioners Camin, Johnson and Haderlein present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Superintendent of Finance and Administration Renae Ross, Superintendent of Parks and Planning Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Recreation Tracey Anderson, Superintendent of Coyote Run Dave Ward, Coyote Run Manager Brian Smith, Racquet and Fitness Club Manager Dave Thommes, Skating Director Stephanie Skrzypek, Secretary Cathi Hurtubise, Treasurer Howard Blumstein, Patch.com Editor Ryan Fitzpatrick, Flossmoor resident Heidi Echols and Country Club Hills resident Tony Bryant. Commissioner Nevins and Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo arrived at 6:03 p.m. along with one person who did not sign the guest list. Leisure Services Committee Members Dallas Collins arrived at 6:10 p.m. and Mike Krause arrived at 6:17 p.m. Flossmoor residents Lori and Dennis Burns arrived at 6:12 p.m.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – Flossmoor Resident Heidi Echols was disappointed in the Board's decision to end the Icettes program and felt that the process in reaching that decision did not take into consideration any comments from families who participate in the program. Echols was concerned that the Freestyle program might also be affected and that final decisions will be made prior to discussion with participants.

Country Club Hills resident Tony Bryant is the parent of an Icettes skater. Bryant said the Icettes program is fantastic and has been in existence for a long time. Bryant feels the Icettes program is an asset to the Ice Arena.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Golf Cart Lease Bid

Manager Smith said bids received at the January 28, 2011 bid opening for the lease of golf carts came in over budget. After careful consideration, Smith concluded that the fleet could be downsized while still servicing golf customers and remaining within budget. Smith went back out to bid with a bid opening date of February 28, 2011. Harris Golf Cars was the low bidder. Following discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to reject all bids received on January 28, 2011 for the lease of golf carts. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Camin, Johnson and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved. Commissioner Camin moved to approve the bid for a five year lease from Harris Golf Cars in the amount of \$249,336.50. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Camin, Johnson and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

DISCUSSION TOPIC:

a. Request from School District 153

Director Kopas asked for the Board's direction regarding the request from School District 153 to support their referendum. Commissioner Haderlein expressed concern with

setting a precedence that the Board would need to follow in the future. Commissioners discussed that each request brought to the Board is viewed and action taken on its own merits, always considering what is best for the park district and community. Commissioners agreed a resolution should be drafted and brought to the Board at the March 15, 2011 meeting.

Commissioner Haderlein acknowledged visitors that arrived late and asked if they had any comments.

Irene Hall would like to see Freestyle Ice and Advanced Skating Lessons continue as part of the park district even if it is necessary to make that ice more profitable and to rearrange lesson times around any long term ice contracts.

Director Kopas said there was never a plan to eliminate Advanced Classes and Freestyle Ice. Kopas said there seems to be many rumors circulating and encouraged all to attend the parents' meeting on March 8th.

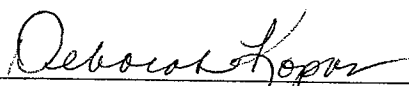
Flossmoor resident Dennis Burns suggested a new committee be formed with representatives from all ice programs. Burns suggested the committee could work together with the park district to try and help find solutions to Ice Arena issues.

Commissioner Haderlein continued with Discussion Topics.

b. 2011-2012 Budget

Discussion followed on the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2011-2012.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Camin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kopas, Secretary