

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2011**

The special 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, Superintendent of Parks and Planning Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Recreation Tracey Anderson, Irwin Manager Lee Ann Fisk, Secretary Cathi Hurtubise and Patch.com Editor Ryan Fitzpatrick.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – An Executive Session was added to the agenda 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.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Irwin Carpet

Superintendent Anderson said as part of the renovation in the lower level of the Irwin Center, the old carpet in the Physical Activity Room was removed. After reviewing several options for covering the highly used area staff is recommending the use of carpet tiles. Anderson received quotes for carpet tiles from three companies with New Look Floor Coverings offering the best price. Following discussion, Commissioner Haderlein moved to approve the purchase of carpet tiles from New Look Floor Coverings in the amount of \$9,248.88. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

**DISCUSSION TOPICS:**

a. Rover's Run Fence & Gate

Superintendent Anderson shared with the Board several new program ideas and possible upgrades to Rover's Run. Anderson said the dog park has over 300 members with some of those members having three and four dogs. Currently a part-time employee monitors the park between five and seven hours per week to help ensure that park regulations are being followed. Several discussions have taken place among staff and the Rover's Run Advisory Committee who agree that an electronic gate would greatly help cut down the use of the park by non-members. Anderson said the rate increase that goes into effect on January 1, 2012 will help fund a portion of the electronic gate costs as well as park maintenance and special events.

Anderson said fencing on the south side of the park needs to be replaced as well as fencing around the puppy area. Superintendent Boehm received quotes on the fencing which all came in under budget.

Commissioners asked how the electronic gate works. Anderson replied that members would receive a card with a barcode which they would swipe upon entering the park. The gate operates on battery; wiring or electricity is not needed. Anderson said staff

will have the ability to run usage reports and to also turn on/off members cards if membership or dog shots expire.

Commissioners were excited about the improvements and advised Anderson to proceed with plans.

b. Aquatics

Director Kopas said the Village of Homewood has decided not to replace the roof on their building. This project was to be combined with the replacement of the Auditorium roof. Kopas said funds that were budgeted for the roof can either be saved or used now on a different project. If the Board chooses another project funds would then be re-budgeted next year for the roof work. Kopas said a project that jumps out internally as a high priority is a new slide for Lions Pool.

Director Kopas said each year an engineering firm is hired to inspect the slide and tower at Lions Pool. Every year modifications are made to ensure the structural integrity of the tower and the slide however both are twenty-one years old and nearing the end of their useful life.

Kopas shared pictures of a new water slide with the Board. Discussion followed on the possibility of removing one of the three slides, triangular steps versus block steps, height of the tower, and approximate costs of demolition, concrete, electrical work and engineering.

Commissioners were concerned about delaying the replacement of the Auditorium roof but agreed it makes more sense financially to complete the project jointly with the village. Kopas will contact the village to confirm their plan to replace the roof in the next year or two.

Commissioners agreed that a new slide is needed and suggested staff continue their research and come back to the Board with a recommendation.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Director Kopas:

- Flossmoor Baseball is interested in hosting a Pond Hockey Tournament as a fundraiser at Flossmoor Park in January. Flossmoor Baseball would be responsible for the entire event including any necessary repairs needed to the park following the event.
- Attended a TIF Joint Review Board meeting on October 3rd with Commissioner Johnson and Attorney Lulich. The meeting was continued to October 17th.

Commissioner Collins:

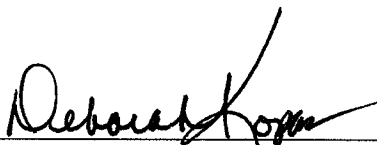
- Has noticed a lot of people in the parks.
- Enjoying the Hockey is for Everyone program.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 8:13 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. Commissioner Haderlein seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Kopas", written over a horizontal line.

Deborah Kopas, Secretary