

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Haderlein. Roll call was taken with Commissioners Nevins, Camin, Bertram and Haderlein present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, 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, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Administrative Assistant Pam Melnyk, Recreation Supervisor Amanda Pierce, Secretary Cathi Hurtubise, Leisure Services Committee Members Dallas Collins & Jim Calderone, and Homewood Resident Mark Leschuck. Attorney Matt Lulich arrived at 7:02 p.m. Flossmoor Residents Lori & Dennis Burns arrived at 7:03 p.m. Commissioner Johnson arrived at 7:20 p.m.

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

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA:

a. School District 153 Willowview Park Lease Agreement

A report from the Executive Director recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve Resolution #588 Authorizing the Extension of a Lease with School District 153 for Willowview Park.

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

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Swim Lesson Fees & Charges

Superintendent Boehm said the last fee increase for swim lessons was in 2006. With increases in operating expenses and minimum wage, Boehm recommends a fee increase. Following discussion, Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the increase in swim lesson fees as presented. Commissioner Nevins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Camin, Bertram and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

b. Resolution #587

Commissioner Camin reviewed Resolution #587 with the Board. Following discussion, Commissioner Nevins moved to approve Resolution #587, a Resolution Calling on Congress to Implement Legislation Specifying an Annual Allocation of at Least 40% of Land & Water Conservation Funds to the State Assistance Program. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Camin, Bertram and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the Minutes of January 18, 2011. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – Commissioner Bertram moved to approve the Claims List in the amount of \$224,940.59. Commissioner Nevins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Camin, Bertram and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2011 – Commissioner Camin was pleased with reports and complimented staff on a good job.

COMMUNICATIONS – None

DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Director Kopas:

- Congratulations to Manager Thommes and his wife on the birth of their son, Dylan Edward.
- Will not be able to attend the South Suburban Legislative Breakfast on March 7th. Encouraged commissioners to attend if available.
- Asked if the Board would like to further discuss the request from School District 153 of supporting their referendum. Commissioners agreed the topic should be placed on the agenda for the March 1, 2011 meeting.
- Work continues on the budget for fiscal year 2011-2012.
- The park district sustained some damage during the snowstorm on February 1st. Minor damage occurred at the Ice Arena when a screen from one HVAC unit blew off the roof, shingles were blown off the pump house at Coyote Run, and a plow truck experienced transmission issues. The Irwin Center had more substantial damage to the roof causing kitchen damage. An adjustor from PDRMA has been out to view the damage and is coordinating repairs.
- Outdoor ice is done for the season.
- Introduced Amanda Pierce, the new Recreation Supervisor.
- Interviews for the marketing position start this week.
- Pleased that 231 teens attended Teen Night at the Racquet Club. The event went smoothly with no issues. Staff will look into the possibility of offering this event twice a year.
- Almost 600 hundred people attended Daddy Daughter Date Night on February 4th. The first session sold out. The second session had space available however the registration deadline was February 1st. The registration deadline is in place so that food, flowers and other supplies can be ordered. Staff received complaints from some of the people who tried to register after the deadline. Staff is looking at ways to improve the structure next year and to accommodate larger crowds.
- Everyone should have received the new spring Choices brochure.
- Usage of the golf simulator has increased.
- Pay for spin classes were offered for the first time. Six people participated in the introductory class.
- Pleased that coupons included in the Choices brochure have been well received.

Commissioner Nevins:

- Pleased that so many teens are participating in teen events.
- Asked about the School of Rock sponsorship of Teen Night at the Club. Superintendent Anderson said that School of Rock donated 35 pizzas for the event.
- Pleased with the increase in usage on the golf simulator.
- Asked about the pay for spin class. Director Kopas said the class runs for five weeks and costs \$42 for members.
- Happy to see the two new sponsorships/partnerships for the triathlon.
- Asked if Marian and Hillcrest High School booking tennis practice sessions at the Club is new. Kopas replied that both high schools have participated before.
- Enjoyed conference. Attended one program at the Art Institute.
- Enjoyed the Musical Dinner Theatre at Balagio's Restaurant. Performers did an excellent job.

Commissioner Camin:

- Discussed the Legislative Breakfast on March 7th.
- Discussed other legislative issues.
- Hope everyone enjoyed conference. Requested that staff complete evaluation surveys.

Commissioner Bertram:

- Commissioner Bertram's husband attended Daddy Daughter Date Night and had a great time. Feedback from children attending was that they really liked the two disc jockeys.
- Suggested a flag or something similar be used to notify skaters when outdoor ice is ready.
- Suggested a new picture of Commissioners be taken for the Choices brochure.
- Enjoyed conference.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Had a great time at Daddy Daughter Date Night. Happy that staff is exploring ways to make the event even better for next year.
- Happy to see the Northwoods coupon in the Choices brochure.
- Teen night at the Club was awesome. Crowds indicate the demand that exists for that age group. Kudos to everybody involved with the event.
- Enjoyed the goals planning session at the February 8th meeting.

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

Flossmoor Residents Lori & Dennis Burns expressed concern and frustration over the cancellation of the Icettes program. The Burns said they did not receive any communication from the park district regarding possible issues with the program prior to cancellation. Mr. Burns asked if the park district accounted for funds spent in the pro-shop, lessons and ice-time from Icettes participants, and questioned why hockey wasn't eliminated. Mr. Burns asked Commissioners to consider establishing an advisory board comprised of users of the ice rink.

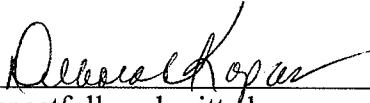
Commissioner Haderlein said staff has tried very hard and continues to try to make the Ice Arena financially viable but it is a very difficult facility to sustain. Haderlein said no decisions are made without a lot of hard thought and thorough discussion.

Director Kopas said the Icettes program does not cover its operating costs. The hockey program does cover program costs and brings in a profit.

Commissioner Nevins said any revenue that was created by participants of the Icettes did not create enough profit to support the program.

Commissioners apologized for any lack in communication.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kopas, Secretary