

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF AUGUST 2, 2011**

The committee meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Johnson. Roll call was taken with Commissioners Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Superintendent of Parks and Planning Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Coyote Run Dave Ward and Coyote Run Manager Brian Smith. Commissioner Nevins arrived at 8:00 p.m.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – None

**DISCUSSION TOPIC:**

a. Irwin Fountain

Director Kopas said the fountain at Irwin is repeatedly vandalized every summer with 2011 being the worst year yet. Homewood police routinely call staff at all hours to come out and assess the problem. Costs to repair the vandalism plus overtime paid to employees called out after hours have been extensive. Police have viewed hours of surveillance tapes but cannot identify who is vandalizing the fountain.

Kopas said many people in the community enjoy the fountain and might be disappointed if it was removed however expressed frustration on the thousands of dollars spent each year to repair the damage.

Superintendent Boehm said the fountain is approximately 25 years old. Staff has been able to keep the fountain running by making minor repairs each season but is nearing the point where major repairs are needed. Professionals were called to inspect the fountain and said the plumbing, electricity and masonry need to be replaced. Cost estimates for a similar fountain is between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Commissioners also expressed frustration regarding the vandalism. Commissioners agreed that staff should try to keep the fountain operating through Labor Day. Staff should research ideas for rebuilding the fountain or replacing with another type of water feature. Commissioners suggested considering a community-wide fundraiser as an option to offset costs.

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

Director Kopas:

- Discussed an incident of teens jumping over the fence at Lions Pool. Trespassing charges were filed.

Commissioner Johnson:

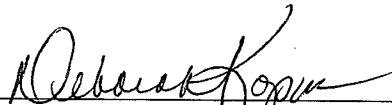
- Enjoyed the Legislative Golf Outing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** At 7:25 p.m., Commissioner Bertram moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of 2(c)(11) discussion of pending, or probable and imminent, litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the District. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Collins, Haderlein, Bertram and Johnson. Nays: none. Motion approved.

Meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

A discussion about the viability of the golf course restaurant followed. Commissioners agree that meeting the food and beverage needs of Coyote Run customers is of highest priority. Staff needs to ensure all scheduled golf outings will be successful for golf and food/beverages. Staff will monitor and prepare back up plans.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Haderlein moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Commissioner Collins seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

  
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Deborah Kopas, Secretary