

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2011**

The committee meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Haderlein. Roll call was taken with Commissioners Nevins, Bertram, Johnson and Haderlein present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Superintendent of Parks and Planning Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Recreation Tracey Anderson and Golf Course Manager Brian Smith. Commissioner Camin was absent.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – A revised agenda was presented.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

a. Gold Medal

Director Kopas and the Board discussed applying for the National Gold Medal for Excellence in Parks & Recreation Management. Commissioners agreed not to apply this year due to the amount of time and cost involved in the application process.

b. Ice Arena Pro-shop

Superintendent Boehm discussed relocating the pro-shop and the party room in the Ice Arena to improve efficiency and decrease operating expenses. Boehm said less staff would be needed and additional revenue could be created by increasing program offerings and operating hours of the pro-shop. Commissioners agreed the changes to the layout were a good idea. Commissioners suggested that signage be posted directing patrons to the new office locations.

DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Director Kopas:

- Discussed the hiring of a full-time manager for the Ice Arena. The manager position would also coordinate ice skating lessons. Superintendent Boehm has done a great job in cutting expenses but is unable to devote the amount of time that is needed to actively pursue new revenue streams. Commissioners agreed that a full-time manager is needed in efforts to make the Ice Arena viable.
- Received a \$767.50 quote for an updated 7x7' map for the board room. Commissioners asked that staff continue to seek better pricing. Commissioners agreed that the old map should be kept on display.
- In response to letters each commissioner received from the County explaining financial information posting requirements, commissioners should know that park district financial statements are posted on the Cook County website meeting the requirements.

Commissioner Nevins:

- The Snow White theatre production is Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

- Asked about attendance at the golf course. Manager Smith replied that attendance has been down compared to this time last year.

Commissioner Bertram:

- Disappointed she will not be able to attend Earth Day at Irons Oaks.

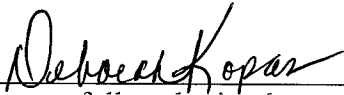
Commissioner Johnson:

- Asked about the removal of the parking lot on the west side of the Racquet & Fitness Club. Superintendent Boehm said work will continue as soon as conditions allow.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Asked for an update on Dolphin Lake. Superintendent Boehm said additional dirt is needed. Staff plans to seed as soon as conditions are right.
- Had the pleasure of meeting a new resident in Homewood who was very pleased with the park district.
- Asked about the new golf carts. Manager Smith said delivery was delayed due to the contract and delayed shipment from Atlanta.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kopas, Secretary