

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2010**

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 Nevins, Camin, Bertram, Johnson and Haderlein present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Attorney Matt Lulich, Superintendent of Recreation Tracey Anderson, Superintendent of Parks & Planning Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Renae Ross and Secretary Cathi Hurtubise.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Dolphin Pool Demolition

Superintendent Boehm said one bid was received for the Dolphin Pool Demolition Project. Following discussion, Commissioner Bertram moved to reject the bid received October 1, 2010 from KLF Excavating in the amount of \$114,000 for total removal of the pool and \$103,720 for partial removal of the pool and to rebid the project at a future date. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Camin, Bertram, Johnson and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

a. Discovery Center Water Remediation Project Update

Manager Vargo presented to the Board a slideshow with photos of areas surrounding the Discovery Center that have water drainage issues and inside of the building where water leaks in. Vargo explained that when the facility was built the new foundation was matched up with the old foundation using tar instead of cement. As a result, cracks have formed in the foundation walls allowing water to seep inside and create an environment for mold.

Vargo said water needs to be directed away from the building and suggested moving a trail, building a retaining wall and installing a proper drain tile system.

Director Kopas said the drainage issues are larger than what staff can handle and recommends contracting the work so it is done correctly and in a timely manner. Kopas said there are funds in the budget to cover project costs. Commissioners agreed with Kopas and suggested staff contact engineers and obtain pricing.

b. Refunding G.O. Bonds

Superintendent Ross was contacted by Speer Financial representative Dave Phillips who said there is an opportunity to save some interest costs by refinancing the Series 2003A and 2005A G.O. Bonds. It was Speer's recommendation to set a minimum savings of \$125,000. A formal approval setting the minimum savings would be presented to the

board at the next meeting. Commissioners agreed refinancing the bonds would be beneficial to the park district.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT & COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Director Kopas:

- Graffiti Busters will remove the rest of the graffiti at the skate park.
- There were many events at Apollo Park this past weekend and a lot of trash was left behind. Staff is talking to the youth groups who use the fields and our own staff to look at ways to deal with this issue.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Surprised at how many people braved the weather and attended the Fall Family Campout.

Commissioner Nevins:

- Great cooperation with Irwin staff during the Cancer Support Center walk on Sunday. Irwin Park looked good.

Commissioner Camin:

- Pleased that graffiti at the skate park was whitewashed by some of the kids that use the park.

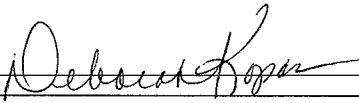
Commissioner Bertram:

- Also pleased that kids whitewashed the graffiti at the skate park.
- Suggested staff might want to contact Wally's Tree Service in Homewood to remove tree stumps.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Will not be attending the Flossmoor Village Planning Commission. Director Kopas said Administrative Assistant Pam Melnyk will attend.
- Participated in a golf outing last week. Received many compliments on the condition of the course. Everyone had a great time.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kopas, Secretary