

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

The committee meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Haderlein. Roll call was taken with Commissioners Johnson, Camin and Haderlein present. Commissioner Bertram participated by conference call. Commissioner Nevins was absent. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Coyote Run Manager Brian Smith and Northwood's Restaurant owner Steve Nemitz.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA** – None

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS** – None

**DISCUSSION TOPIC:**

a. Golf Course Restaurant

The board reviewed a spreadsheet listing Northwoods Restaurant lease payments which are behind. Haderlein asked Nemitz when payments would be made current. Nemitz replied payment would be made following the sale of Shannon's restaurant.

Commissioner Camin was pleased that payment would be made however expressed concern that Nemitz could fall behind again. Nemitz said after purchasing Northwoods, a great deal of capital funds were used for entertainment and new televisions; purchases that Nemitz's now regrets. Nemitz said the economy and cost of goods has hit the restaurant hard. Nemitz said he is committed to Northwoods and plans to work on controlling operating costs and bringing in more revenue.

Commissioner Camin expressed disappointment that Nemitz did not previously contact the board regarding this issue. Nemitz replied his major focus was keeping the restaurant open in order to not embarrass himself or the park district.

Commissioner Johnson asked Nemitz if he thought the location was viable for a twelve month full service restaurant. Nemitz replied that it comes down to operating revenues. Nemitz said he cannot rely solely on the golf business to create profit for the entire year and that more business needs to be created for the winter months.

Commissioner Johnson asked if Nemitz had any other significant outstanding debts. Nemitz said both the park district and the village of Lansing will be paid with funds from the sale of Shannon's. Nemitz said he does not have any other outstanding bills. Nemitz is current with all taxes, insurance and banks.

Commissioner Haderlein asked Nemitz what will happen if the sale of Shannon's doesn't go through. Nemitz replied he has two offers for the restaurant and feels very comfortable saying that it will be sold.

Commissioner Camin said the lines of communication need to be more open. Camin asked how long it would take to receive payment once Shannon's is sold. Nemitz replied he would pay as soon as he receives a check from the sale.

Director Kopas said the park district is trying to increase marketing for Northwoods by offering recreation programs on site during the winter months and increased marketing in the recreation program guide.

Commissioners agreed they would like to see Northwoods succeed and asked Nemitz to remain in contact with Kopas.

Nemitz thanked the commissioners and left the meeting.

Commissioners agreed to wait until mid October before investigating other options.

Manager Smith left the meeting.

b. Long Term Goals

Director Kopas said that goals & objectives are established yearly and major capital goals are set every ten years as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Following the annual goal planning sessions last year, Kopas compiled a list of goals that were removed but would still remain long term goals. Kopas said the goals would require more than one year for completion.

Commissioners reviewed and discussed the long term goals & objectives.

Commissioners liked the long term goals & objectives and agreed that it should be formally adopted.

Kopas will present a formal document at the September board meeting.

## **DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Director Kopas:

- Superintendent Boehm is on vacation until September 9th.
- Lions Club is having their annual steak fry at Apollo Park on September 13th.
- A preliminary ADA compliance meeting is scheduled for this week.

Commissioner Camin:

- Suggested the "Green Up" bags be available for purchase at all pro-shops.

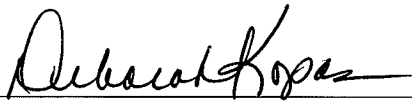
Commissioner Johnson:

- The family event at Irwin on Sunday was very nice.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Happy the tent sale was a success.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Commissioner Camin moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



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Deborah Kopas, Secretary