

**HOMEWOOD-FLOSSMOOR PARK DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2010**

The regular 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 Nevins, Camin, Johnson and Haderlein present. Also present were Executive Director Debbie Kopas, Attorney Matt Lulich, Superintendent of Parks and Planning Doug Boehm, Superintendent of Finance & Administration Renae Ross, Superintendent of Coyote Run Dave Ward, Coyote Run Manager/Golf Professional Brian Smith, Racquet & Fitness Club Manager Dave Thommes, Marketing Manager Nicole Castagna, Irons Oaks Manager Cheryl Vargo, Maintenance Supervisor Tony Batastini, Treasurer Howard Blumstein, Secretary Cathi Hurtubise and Leisure Services Committee Members Dallas Collins and Debbie Dennison. Commissioner Bertram arrived at 7:40 p.m.

CHANGE IN AGENDA – None

INTRODUCTIONS – Director Kopas introduced two new employees. Tony Batastini, Facility Maintenance Supervisor at the Racquet & Fitness Club and Cheryl Vargo, Irons Oaks Manager.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS – None

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Ordinance #565
An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Certain Items of Personal Property by the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.
- b. Part-Time Salary Guidelines
A report from the Superintendent of Finance & Administration recommending the Board of Park Commissioners consider a motion to approve the Part-Time Salary Guidelines as presented.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Irons Oaks Alarm
Superintendent Anderson said the fire & burglar alarm system at Irons Oaks is currently on lease and has been since buildings were constructed. Superintendent Boehm met with several alarm system vendors to get proposals on new equipment. Anderson said it would be less costly to purchase new equipment than to continue the lease. Following discussion, Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the agreement with Reliable to purchase fire and burglar equipment in the amount of \$11,036 plus the annual monitoring fees as presented. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Camin, Johnson and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. 2010/11 Winter Recreation Fees & Charges

Superintendent Anderson presented the recreation fees and charges to the Board. After discussion, Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the 2010/11 Winter Recreation Fees & Charges. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Camin, Bertram, Johnson and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Commissioner Camin moved to approve the Minutes of August 17, 2010. Commissioner Bertram seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS – Commissioner Nevins moved to approve the Claims List in the amount of \$347,905.25. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote with Ayes: Nevins, Camin, Bertram, Johnson and Haderlein. Nays: none. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION AND COMMENTS ON FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2010 – Commissioner Johnson asked what fund will cover the cost of the demolition of Dolphin Pool. Director Kopas replied demolition costs are included in the Improvement Fund. Commissioner Nevins asked about the increase in revenue in the General Fund. Superintendent Ross replied revenue includes the early release of TIF funds. Nevins commended staff on the decrease in pool expenses. Nevins asked about the increase in expenses at the Racquet Club. Manager Thommes replied that expenses this year include the Wimbledon trip. Commissioner Camin said revenue at the golf course is down however commended staff on the decrease in expenditures.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- IMRF Memorandum - Director Kopas said unfortunately there has been a trend of salary-spiking which has resulted in the increase of member's IMRF pension. Kopas said the board should be assured that when the park district offered early retirement incentives in 2006 the park district did not take part in these practices.
- Board & Administrator, September 2010

DIRECTORS REPORT & COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS:

Director Kopas:

- Presentations on the master plan will be made at the October 19th board meeting. Presentations will take approximately 1-2 hours. Kopas asked if the commissioners would like to change the meeting time. Commissioners discussed starting the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Student Government Day is October 12th. Activities will take place during the day.
- The Joint Review Board voted to approve the recommendation of an addition of five Southgate properties into the existing TIF. The topic will go before the Village of Homewood Board of Trustees for approval.
- Staff has started the bunker project at the golf course.

- August golf rounds have increased over last year. Fall rates went into effect yesterday.
- The business department is working on the audit. The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report will be presented at the November 16th board meeting.
- Tax receipts will be delayed again this year. Staff is discussing tax anticipation warrants with the bank in order to cover bond payments that are due December 1st.
- Parks staff has been working on park lighting throughout the district. Very pleased to see that lighting issues are being addressed.
- Attended the dinner portion of the SSSRA Annual Golf Outing. Had a wonderful time. Encouraged all to try and attend any of the SSSRA events.
- Ice numbers are up over last year.
- The Ice Arena parking lot was repaired.
- New carpeting was installed in the main lobby at the Ice Arena.
- Irons Oaks is busy as usual this time of year. Many field trips have been scheduled.
- Participation in the Homeschool program has increased.
- Irons Oaks staff is busy working on Spirits of the Oaks. Volunteers are needed.
- Staff met with School District 153 to discuss the possibility of hosting their outdoor education program.
- The Racquet & Fitness Club has been very busy.
- Complications developed on the lease agreement for the massage business at the Racquet & Fitness Club. Racquet staff will continue providing massage services.
- Has received many positive comments on the new fitness equipment at the Racquet & Fitness Club.

Commissioner Nevins:

- Asked about the Auditorium roof. Superintendent Boehm replied the roof needs to be replaced. A meeting with the Village of Homewood will be scheduled to discuss the roof.
- Asked what the issues are with park lighting. Boehm replied the issues are old equipment and lines.
- Asked if the closing of the Bridgeview Ice Rink has resulted in increased business at the Ice Arena. Boehm replied that the Ice Arena has absorbed a few of the smaller contracts.
- Enjoys receiving the FunTimes school newsletter.
- Likes the website links that are included in the weekly emails.
- Asked if one QuickStart court at the Racquet Club will be enough. Manager Thommes replied that staff would like to evaluate the program before adding additional courts.
- Attended the Lions Club Steak Fry.
- Enjoyed golfing on the 3 hole-Learning Course over the weekend.

Commissioner Camin:

- Has received many positive comments on the new fitness equipment at the Racquet Club.
- Asked about the Racquet Club hosting National Women's Health & Fitness Day. Thommes replied special fitness classes will be offered along with health screenings and presentations by Ingalls Wellness Center.
- Had a great time at the SSSRA Golf Outing.

Commissioner Bertram:

- Enjoyed the Lions Club Steak Fry.
- Asked why tees were not aerified this spring. Superintendent Ward replied tees were not aerified because of rain early in the season followed by constant heat.
- Will not be able to attend the Village Plan Commission on October 21st.
- Asked about the surface at the Splash Pad. Kopas said funds are in the budget for repair of the surface. Staff is concerned that the surface will need to be replaced. The project is currently out to bid.
- Asked if Bridgeview Ice Rink might have a Zamboni for sale. Superintendent Boehm replied he has left several messages with Bridgeview and has not heard back.

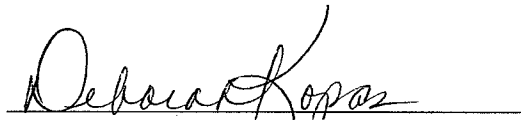
Commissioner Johnson:

- Thanked the staff who was involved with the pools during this challenging season. Feels confident that next year will see higher participation numbers.
- Asked if there will be a master plan for lighting. Superintendent Boehm replied the entire parking lot lighting system will be evaluated.
- Pleased that Marketing Manager Castagna attended the New Families Night at James Hart.
- Asked for a copy of the pool survey. Boehm replied a complete review of the pool season will be presented at the November board meeting.
- Asked Manager Smith what his goal was for golf rounds. Manager Smith replied he would like to exceed 30,000 rounds.

Commissioner Haderlein:

- Happy to see that more residents are golfing at Coyote Run.
- Pleased that ninety children registered for Hockey is for Everyone.
- Was sorry to miss the SSSRA golf outing.

ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Nevins moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Commissioner Camin seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was approved.



Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Kopas, Secretary