

Homewood Parks and Recreation Board

The Homewood Parks and Recreation Board met in regular session on Thursday, August 7, 2025, in the Conference Room at the Homewood Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm.

Board Members present:

Ms. Jennifer Chadha – Chairman
Mr. Jeremy Bernstein
Ms. Jennifer Hardin
Mr. Joe Leavens
Dr. Allison Litton
Mr. Todd Miner
Dr. Robert Sellers

Board Members absent:

Mr. Phillip Hodges
Mr. Vernell McDonald

Staff members present:

Mr. Berkley Squires – City Services Director
Mr. Rusty Holley – Superintendent, Administration & Parks
Mr. Jakob Stephens – Superintendent, Athletics & Aquatics
Mr. Ben Haskins – Athletic Coordinator
Ms. Nakeia Sims – Administrative Supervisor

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Mr. Squires.

MINUTES

July Park Board Meeting Minutes – A motion to approve the July 2025, Park Board meeting minutes as written was made by Dr. Sellers and seconded by Mr. Miner. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

No comments

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Squires gave an update on the Pickleball Outdoor Courts project. Please see Old Business.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

PR29 – Flag Football – All Star Team Selection

Mr. Haskins gave an overview of the 2025 HWD Flag Football All-Stars Team Selection Policy. A motion to approve the Flag Football – All Star Team Selection Policy was made by Dr. Litton and seconded by Ms. Chadha. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

PR30 – Youth Basketball – Program Update

Mr. Stephens gave an update on the Youth Basketball Program. A motion to approve the Youth Basketball Program update was made by Dr. Litton and seconded by Dr. Sellers. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

FACILITIES COMMITTEE

F464 – Exceptional Foundation September 2025 Calendar

A motion to approve the Exceptional Foundation’s September 2025 Calendar was made by Mr. Bernstein and seconded by Mr. Miner. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

F465 – Homewood City Schools – HHS Special Needs Bocce Ball Tournament

A motion to approve the Homewood High School Adapted Physical Education, Bocce Ball Tournament was made by Ms. Chadha and seconded by Mr. Miner. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Homewood High School – Adapted PE
Bocce Ball Tournament
Thursday, October 9, 2025
Patriot Park

F466 – American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – Out of Darkness Walk 2026

A motion to approve the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention – Out of Darkness Walk 2026 was made by Ms. Chadha and seconded by Mr. Bernstein. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Out of the Darkness Walk 2026
Saturday, March 14, 2026
Homewood Central Park

F467 – Homewood Theater – Spring 2026 Youth Musical

A motion to approve the Homewood Theatre – Spring 2026 Student Musical was made by Ms. Hardin and seconded by Ms. Chadha. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

Homewood Theatre
Spring 2026 Youth Musical
April 17-19, 2026
Homewood Central Park

OLD BUSINESS

F443 – Project Update – Pickleball Outdoor Courts

Mr. Squires reported on the Pickleball Outdoor Courts project, noting that all bids received exceeded the allocated project budget. Mr. Squires requested the board reject all bids, so the project can be carried over to the next budget year with a request for additional funding. A motion to reject all received bids was made by Mr. Leavens and seconded by Mr. Miner. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

PO6 – Park Board 2025-2026 Operations and Capital Budget

Mr. Squires stated that the 2025-2026 Operations and Capital Budget will continue to be tabled until the October board meeting as the City Council will have budget hearings during the month of September.

NEW BUSINESS

PR31 – Girls Flag Football League Participation

Mr. Haskins stated there is a newly formed girls flag football league that will have teams from various neighboring cities and Homewood has girls that would like to form teams and participate. A motion to approve these Homewood teams having field space for practice is conditioned as follows: A) each team will have to pay field rental fees and provide insurance (or) B) all teams/participants can roll under the Parks purview and pay a per player fee like other recreation league flag football participants. The motion was made by Mr. Bernstein and seconded by Mr. Miner. The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

UPCOMING PARK BOARD MEETINGS

September Committee Meetings:

Tuesday, September 2, 2025
Homewood Community Center – Conference Room
Facilities Committee – 5:30 p.m.
Programs Committee – to immediately follow facilities meeting.

September Park Board Meeting:

Thursday, September 4, 2025

Homewood Community Center – Conference Room

6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the August meeting was made by Ms. Hardin and seconded by Dr. Litton.

The motion was approved unanimously by all members present.

The meeting was adjourned @ 6:34 p.m.