

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: August 26, 2025

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Terence Acquah, Assistant Village Manager

Topic: Intergovernmental Agreement

PURPOSE

Staff is requesting approval of an intergovernmental agreement (IA) between the Village of Homewood and Homewood-Flossmoor (HF) Park District to facilitate the transfer of property from the HF Park District to the the Village of Homewood. As part of the agreement, Homewood-Flossmoor Park District would transfer the park district-owned property located at 18355 Pierce Avenue, known as Tower Park, to the Village of Homewood in the amount of \$5,000.

PROCESS

Over the past few months, Village staff has met with park district leadership to discuss a potential intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the transfer of park district-owned land located behind the Village's landscape and maintenance facility. While the Village currently maintains the property surrounding Tower Park, the playground area has historically been maintained by the park district. However, in recent years the Village has assisted with upkeep of the playground area as well.

The park district has determined that reallocating their resources to other facilities would better serve its constituents, due to limited staffing and low park usage. Both parties agreed that, due to the property's close proximity to existing Village facilities, it would be more practical for the Village to assume ownership of the property.

Although no funding has been budgeted for improvements at this time, Village staff understands that the property could serve a variety of future public uses. These possibilities remain subject to further staff review and discussion. In the meantime, Village staff will continue maintaining the property until a final determination on its use is made.

OUTCOME

With the acquisition of the playground area, the Village will gain full site control of Tower Park. This will create opportunities to repurpose the space for public uses or to accommodate future infrastructure needs.

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Tower Park Playground



Tower Park Aerial View

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** General Operating
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$0
- **Budget Amendment Request:** \$5,000
- **Cost:** \$5,000

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LEGAL REVIEW

Completed

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$5,000; and, pass an ordinance authorizing the Village President to enter into an intergovernmental agreement between the Village of Homewood and the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District facilitating the transfer of the property at 18335 Pierce Avenue to the Village of Homewood.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Ordinance
- Intergovernmental agreement