

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 2, 2007**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, January 2, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Bollman, LaDouceur, Hutchison, Panzer and Jeske.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 5 & 18, 2006

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the minutes from the December 5 & 18, 2006, Board meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

None.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF LINCOLN DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Robert Seabloom and Vince Ames, representatives of the disbanded group, turned over the care of the wildflower garden in Lincoln Drive Park to the Park District with a shovel and plaque on the shovel, commemorating the wildflower garden.

Assets of the Association's in the amount of \$2,000.00 were also turned over to the Park District to help maintain the garden.

The group was thanked by Board President Jim Bollman, and the Board.

FOR DISCUSSION

YMCA PRESENTATION

Deb Thompson, CEO, of the Y Family Center addressed the Commissioners requesting an "open door" on discussion for a joint relationship on health and wellness. The Y Board would like to see some open discussion take place.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he feels the best thing could be to have a combination membership with the Y Family Center and Center Court Fitness Club, although he's not sure how to go about it.

Commissioner Bollman stated there is no reason we shouldn't visit on this.

Commissioner LaDouceur asked what kind of meeting, and Bill Palmiscno stated the Y and the Center Court Fitness Club Committee would be a good place to start.

SLEDDING HILL PULL ROPE LIFTS

Lloyd Omdahl has suggested this for the sledding hill to help little kids get back up the hill. However, on second thought and further study, feels there is probably not enough room on the dry side of the dike for all the needed apparatus.

Mr. Omdahl stated he is interested in “burying” the idea.

Steve Mullally stated the Park District will continue to look at a way to make it easier to get back to the top of the dike.

Commissioner Panzer suggested platform steps.

Commissioner Hutchison stated all the suggestions were good ideas and he hopes to see something come to pass in a couple of years.

USE OF HELMETS ON RINKS

Commissioner LaDouceur asked if the Park District wants to mandate wearing helmets on the outdoor rinks at all times, not just during practice.

It was agreed by administrators and the Board that signs in the warming houses recommending wearing a helmet at all times, but for sure during practice, is the way the Park District wants to handle the issue.

LAKE AGASSIZ LAND SALE

This is a sale of a piece of Lake Agassiz Park to the School District, who needs it for remodeling. The price of the piece of land is between \$113,000.00 and \$226,000.00.

The Park District has nothing on that piece of land that would be disturbed, and agrees to selling it to the School District. It would also benefit the Park District with some additional parking for the warming house.

Commissioner Panzer stated we should pursue this and sit down and negotiate the price. The Park District could use the money.

John was instructed to sit down with Mr. Sanford and settle on a fair price for both parties.

FOR ACTION

SALARY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Cost of Living proposal from the Salary Committee for 2007 contains a 3% increase, with nothing given up for the medical insurance premium increase. The rebate from Blue Cross/Blue Shield more than covers that increase.

Commissioner Bollman stated it was a fair offer and a good plan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the 3% cost of living increase and use the BC/BS rebate to pay the premium increase. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

FLOWER BID

Two bids were submitted and Garden Designs and Greenhouse was low bidder. They have been low bidder for the past seven years, and have had good luck with them.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to accept the bid from Garden Designs and Greenhouse. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR DECEMBER

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the bills for December in the amount of \$363,873.81. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

Bill Palmiscno reported hockey and skating numbers are up over 2005.

Center Court Fitness Club reports to date membership at 1526. They are advertising on the FOX station.

Steve Mullally reported all outdoor facilities are open and cross country ski trails are open in Lincoln Drive Park.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Commissioner Hutchison asked if the lights on the sledding hill on Belmont and Lincoln Drive were the City's responsibility.

Commissioner LaDouceur thanked the staff for work on the ski trails and Santa Village was great.

John reported Lynne deserves a lot of credit for Santa Village, but there were others who also helped.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeske to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

John Staley, Clerk

Jim Bollman, President

