

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 8, 2008**

**AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Bollman, LaDouceur, Hutchison, Panzer and Jeske.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeske to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2007, meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

None.

**DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

None.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**EAGLES CREST GRILL UPDATE**

Paul Waind addressed the Commissioners. He stated increase in sales is a little more than 18% over 2006, and the banquet room is in demand. Thus far, he has 31 reservations for 2008 and projects revenue for 2008 at approximately \$850,000.00.

He would like to see some improvements made to the banquet room in the way of new window coverings, new wallpaper and window coverings in the ladies restroom, and a large flat screen television installed. He stated the Park District's share of the TV would be \$1500.00 and presented estimates on the other improvements.

He would also like to see the dining room area decorated similarly to the Santa Village decorating at holiday time.

He also stated improvements on the beverage cart service are needed.

**ALTRU HEALTH SYSTEM TAX AGREEMENT**

John Staley stated this is basically a housekeeping item and recommends approving it.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to approve the Altru Health System Tax Agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

## **LAND GIFT**

This is a 7.86 acre gift at Kiwanis Park with no strings attached. However, specials will have to be paid on it by the Park District.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he would like more information on it. Will the Park District pay the taxes for 2007? It seems the Useldingers have already deeded the land to the Park District as of December 30, 2007.

John was instructed to get clarification on this issue and bring the item back to the February Board meeting.

## **ELKS POOL ENHANCEMENT PROPOSAL**

This proposal is for a zero depth pool enhancement and a larger slide put in as an enhancement, as the public has requested.

With the zero depth pool, a ticket booth and guard will be needed.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to get a bid on the larger slide, but wait a year on the zero depth pool. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion failed two to three with Commissioners Bollman, Panzer and LaDouceur dissenting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to do the whole project and get specifications on the whole project now. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion passed with Commissioner Hutchison and Jeske dissenting.

## **FOR ACTION**

### **LINCOLN DRIVE PARK LEASE**

John Staley stated this is an annual renewal on this lease and again, a housekeeping issue.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to approve the lease. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

### **COST OF LIVING RECOMMENDATION**

Commissioner Panzer stated the personnel committee would like to get the cost of living figure in mid-January and made a decision, based on that figure at the February Board meeting. Commissioner Jeske agreed.

Commissioner Hutchison stated the Board shouldn't wait. The cost of living increase should be what the budget can bear, not what the actual cost of living is and it should be effective January 1 each year.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to increase salaries by 3%, plus 1% to go toward the medical insurance premium increase, effective January 1, 2008. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion failed two to three with Commissioners Bollman, Panzer and Jeske dissenting.

This item will be put on the February Board meeting agenda for consideration again.

## **AWARD FLOWER BID**

Melissa Decker addressed the Commissioners with the results of the flower bid. One bid was received this year. Melissa recommended accepting that bid from Garden Designs and Greenhouse, which has supplied the flowers for the past seven years with quality flowers.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeske to accept the flower bid from Garden Designs and Greenhouse. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; 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 \$401,704.83. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

## **SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS**

Superintendent Palmiscno stated Santa Village was, again, a huge success with over 10,000 visitors; over 2000 pounds of food cupboard items and \$1123.00 in cash donations.

He also reported 715 players registered in the hockey program and 324 skaters registered in the basic skating program.

Center Court Fitness Club reported to date membership at 1420.

Superintendent Mullally reported seeing more sledding, including some at Riverside Park. The ski trails have been extended; he is doing some PR work with snowmobilers, and the dog park is going good.

Forestry reported a total of 6663 street trees pruned for 2007 and 921 request calls answered for the year.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT**

Commissioner Panzer suggested some benching at Gambucci Arena.

Commissioner Hutchison stated the City Engineer would like to meet with John one on one about the roads in Kiwanis Park.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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John Staley, Clerk

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Jim Bollman, President

