

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 3, 2006**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2006, at 5:00 p.m., at the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Bollman, LaDouceur, Hutchison, Panzer and Jeske.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2006, Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

John Staley requested Temporary Construction Easement at Kiwanis Park be added to the agenda under "For Action," as item E.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeske to add the item to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

LAKE AGASSIZ PARK

The school district would like to expand blacktop for parking at Lake Agassiz School, which would involve using some parkland. This project is similar to what has been done at both Lion's and Lewis & Clark Parks.

Commissioner Hutchison stated the Park District should sell the land needed to the school district. A letter from Dr. Sanford is forthcoming regarding this project.

BUDGET HISTORY

Colette provided the Board with a history of the Park District's budget for the past seven years and asked for questions.

John stated the biggest impact over the years on the budget has been utilities, insurance and special assessments.

ENERGY ASSESSMENT

Steve Mullally addressed the Commissioners with energy assessments:

Storm water & Greenway maintenance charges were not known about when budgeting for 2006.

Some things are not controllable.

The Park District needs to participate in load shedding program for the Purpur/Gambucci Arenas. This is currently being done at the Eagles/Blue Line Club Arenas.

To get on top of the utility costs, Steve suggests:

Evaluate current operating practices; build energy audits; consider watering practices; and train employees to monitor energy uses and look for possible cost saving measures.

Commissioner Bollman suggested these utility changes be put into practice for 2007 operations.

FOR ACTION

2007 BUDGET

The 2007 budget is set for a 1.25 mil reduction from the 2006 budget.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he doesn't like the budget process. The budget should only go up at the rate of inflation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the Resolution of Annual Appropriations and Tax Levy for 2007, Ordinance No. 169. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried three to one, with Commissioner Hutchison dissenting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison for the approval of the Resolution Approving Extension of 10 Mil Levy for General Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

2007 GOLF RATES

Commissioners Jeske and Hutchison expressed their opinion that the season pass rates for seniors should be equal to or less than adult season pass rates.

Commissioner LaDouceur stated he is hesitant to increase season pass prices and lose people.

Commissioner Bollman stated he saw an interest in golf expand this season and is hopeful it will pick up more in additional seasons.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he would like to see the fees and expenses stay the same.

Commissioner Panzer also agreed the rates should stay the same.

Both John and Steve stated if that's what the Board wants they could do that, but if expenses don't match revenue, the Board needs to be prepared with a plan to address that.

John stated the rates could be dropped some from the proposed rates, but have to increase some or it tends to catch up with you.

Commissioner LaDouceur would like to see rates similar to 2006 and give more people exposure to the nice course. He doesn't want the rates to jump too much.

Dan Tannahill stated the Golf Committee needs to meet again to review the rates. When this is done, they will come back to the Board. Commissioner Hutchison agreed that was a good idea, and maybe the rate increases could be gradual.

BOARD SALARY COMMITTEE

John stated the Board, last spring, agreed to form a salary committee. Mike Stromberg had been appointed to that committee and now needs to be replaced.

Commissioner Jeske agreed to serve on the committee.

CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENTS

The passage of these resolutions will complete this year's tree planting projects and give approval to the action of the Special Assessment Commission in their determination of how the cost should be spread.

Commissioner Panzer made a motion to approve the Special Tax Assessment of Tree Improvement District No. 00290. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT AT KIWANIS PARK

This request needs approval in order for pipe to be laid. The construction will also return the area to the same condition it was in prior to construction.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to grant the temporary construction easement at Kiwanis Park and to return the area to the original condition once the construction is completed. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR SEPTEMBER

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the bills for September in the amount of \$530,642.96. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

Mike Fugazzi reported Xcel Energy is doing some tree limb clearing on their power lines. This trimming involves city berm trees and Mike is working with Xcel to do the trimming to please everyone.

Some trimming will really be severe and the Park District is giving homeowners a choice of having the tree(s) removed and replaced. Xcel will do tree removals and the Park District will remove the stumps. This will take place from about mid-October to the end of the year.

If a replacement tree is desired by the homeowner, there will be no cost to the homeowner. This will involve about 50 homes and about 100 trees.

Steve Mullally reported the Parks crew has set up hockey boards for the season; mowed and mulched leaves where needed; and closed down the spray parks for the season.

The golf courses are in excellent condition and play has been steady.

Bill Palmiscno reported hockey manuals have been developed for travel and in-house hockey.

Work at Apollo will be completed this week.

Trees have been planted along the walk in at Ulland Park, for protecting the public. Trees have also been planted at #9 and #5 diamonds for shade.

Center Court Fitness Club reports month to date membership at 1541.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Commissioner Hutchison asked about cross-country ski trails at Lincoln Park Golf Course and the status of the skate park at South Middle School.

Steve Mullally reported the trails will be south of the course and also at Lincoln Drive Park. However, there may be one at the course this winter.

Steve also reported we are waiting a response from Urban Development regarding the move of the skate park to the LaGrave Park area.

John Staley reported he anticipates more information on the storm water charge.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Jim Bollman, President