

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
OCTOBER 6, 2009**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room of the Grand Forks Park District. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Panzer, Bollman, LaDouceur and Westlund.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2009, Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

None.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

ULLAND GRANTS

Superintendent Palmiscno reminded the Board the November meeting will involve the first reading of the Ulland Grant applications at 4 p.m.

A question was raised as to use of the Ulland funds for mailing expenses for the Foundation. Commissioner Bollman stated those funds, even though they are now in the Foundation, are earmarked for scholarships only.

Money available in the fund for grants is \$12,000.00.

FITNESS CENTER SITE SELECTION: CITY ENGINEER AND CITY PLANNER

Brad Gengler, City Planner and Al Grasser, City Engineer, both addressed the Board on the two proposed sites for the new Wellness Center.

Mr. Gengler stated he supports either location: Kiwanis Park or the Homestead Grove area.

Mr. Grasser stated both sites have nice transportation, modern water retention ponds, and attractive features.

Ruemmele Road residents present expressed their concern of traffic on their street. They were assured the traffic problem would be taken care of with a round about and things could be accommodated by next season.

FOR ACTION

SITE SELECTION FOR PROPOSED NEW FITNESS CENTER

Commissioner LaDouceur requested to abstain from discussion and voting on this issue since he is an employee of Crary Real Estate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to accept Commissioner LaDouceur's request to abstain on the issue. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

It was stressed that the only thing being approved tonight was the project site, not the project itself.

Commissioner Bollman stated there are two excellent sites and a wrong decision can't be made on this issue, given that.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he feels the same as Commissioner Bollman. He also stated he has had a lot of discussion with people on this project and more so than any other project in his years on the Board.

Residents of Ruemmele Road stated they felt the road will get put in quicker if the west site is used.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to accept the west site (Kiwanis Park) as the building site for the new Wellness Center. Motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to accept the east site (Homestead Grove area) as the building site for the new Wellness Center. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried with Commissioner Bollman dissenting.

Commissioners Panzer and Westlund both stated the majority of people they talked with preferred the east site and the Board represents the people so they needed to go with the east site.

2010 BUDGET

The 2010 budget carries a decrease of one mill over the 2009 budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the 2010 budget. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

RESOLUTION OF ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX LEVY FOR 2010, ORDINANCE #172

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING EXTENSION OF 10 MILL LEVY FOR GENERAL FUND

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF BIDDING ZAMBONI

Superintendent Palmiscno addressed the Board stating there is a one year timeline from date of order to date of receiving the equipment. Therefore, in order to have the new Zamboni next fall, it must be bid this fall.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve bidding the new Zamboni. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

Superintendent Palmiscno also informed the Board the backstop at Apollo, diamond one, has a commitment for payment by the Blue Line Club in the amount of \$15,000, if the Park District will match that amount.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to accept the Blue Line Club's offer of \$15,000 to be matched by the Park District for the backstop of diamond one at Apollo Park. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

The \$15,000 amount will be paid out of the interim fund and maintenance and repair funds.

QUALIFY TWO CANDIDATES FOR THE FOUNDATION BOARD

The Parks and Recreation Foundation just approved expanding its members from seven to nine. This will give the Foundation a chance to qualify for federal grants.

The two candidates that are being recommended are Rohinee Damale and Eunice Kuhn. Both candidates are well known in fund raising circles in the community and have worked hard for Park District causes in the past.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to qualify the two candidates: Rohinee Damale and Eunice Kuhn, for the Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR SEPTEMBER

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the bills for September in the amounts of \$569,357.96 for the Park District and \$1647.40 for the Parks and Recreation Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

Superintendent Mullally reported his Parks crew is assisting with the Potato Bowl French fry feed on Thursday at University Park, winterizing all park buildings and irrigation systems, and setting up hockey boards.

Golf courses are scheduled to close November 1, and he also reported the lighting project is completed at the arenas.

To date golf rounds at King's Walk are 22,036 and at Lincoln 14,925.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported Apollo will be closing soon, First Season Community Center opens October 5, and indoor arenas are due to open in October.

Black Cat Bash, traveling hockey registration, group skating lessons and youth hockey programs are all due to begin in October.

Center Court Fitness Club reported a membership of 1349 to date. The Center will host three Minnesota Public school tennis tournaments in October and a Halloween racquetball shootout.

Forestry reported 1098 street trees pruned in September and 105 request calls answered; negative activity on Emerald Ash Bore traps and re-rocking the Japanese Garden.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Hutchison reported he has learned that East Grand Forks may close its pool. He suggested if so, the G F Park District charge the same for a pool pass for East Grand Forks residents as charged to residents of Grand Forks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Bill Hutchison, President