

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

**AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., in the Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Panzer, Bollman, LaDouceur and Westlund. President Hutchison issued congratulations to Tim and Tom Wynne on their award by the U S Tennis Association of the Frank Voigt Pro of the Year award.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 7, 2008**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to approve the minutes of October 7, 2008, with one minor change. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

John Staley requested an addition to item B under "For Action" to be "and appoint a Board representative to the Planning and Zoning Commission."

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to add the above item. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

**DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

Mr. Jeff Hartland, a representative from Sam's Club, addressed the Commissioners and announced Sam's Club is issuing a \$25,000.00 grant toward the new, proposed Wellness Center. Sam's Club has previously awarded a \$1,000.00 grant to the Park District, also.

The Commissioners all thanked Mr. Hartland for his work in helping secure the grant, and Sam's Club for their generosity.

Jamie Bischoff, a representative from the G F Kennel Club, addressed the Board with a thank you letter and check. The G F Kennel Club again used Lake Agassiz Park and warming house for their dog obedience classes this past summer.

## **FOR DISCUSSION**

### **UPDATE ON EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE STUDY**

Rates are still needed for the Blue Cross/Blue Shield 2009 premium. Due to the election year, any increases granted are not coming out from the Insurance Commissioner's office until after the election.

Commissioner Panzer stated he wants to see numbers and compare them to other plans such as PERS and anything else that may be out there.

Commissioner Bollman stated the employees want just as good a plan or equal to what they currently have.

Several employees attended the meeting and joined in the discussion.

They were told by the Board:

This was prompted by continuing rates going up and the budget getting thin  
It is possible the pension plan may go to using PERS for future new employees  
Employee contribution to health insurance has always been an issue on the table  
The Board is looking only at what to do with the increase in the health insurance premium

### **TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT**

*(this item was taken out of agenda order)*

Doug Herzog, CPS Ltd., addressed the Board. This easement is needed to be able to lay sanitary sewer line for a new building located at 4000 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. The construction will be fenced off, and the area will be reconstructed to original status at completion of the construction.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the temporary construction easement. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

### **BIDS FOR APOLLO RESTROOM**

*(this item was taken out of agenda order)*

This project, once bids are accepted, is scheduled to begin December 1, 2008, and reach completion by April 15, 2009.

Bids that came in were good bids and presented to the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to accept the bid from Innes Construction for the General Contractor at \$54,500.00; Lunseth's for the Mechanical Contractor at \$29,455.00; and Century Electric as the Electrical Contractor at \$13,734.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

## **2009 GOLF RATES**

The Golf Committee met and presented the proposed fees for 2009.

Commissioner Westlund asked if Lincoln and King's Walk fees were ever going to be separate. Both Commissioners Hutchison and Bollman responded it gives golfers somewhere to golf when special events are being held at King's Walk.

Commissioner Hutchison suggested the twilight cart fee could go up more. It hasn't increased in seven years and could go up another \$1.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to accept the proposed golf rates, as amended. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried with Commissioner Hutchison dissenting.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he feels the rates at King's Walk are too high for a municipal golf course.

Commissioner LaDouceur stated it is necessary to move forward with the 2009 rates so Dan can start selling 2009 memberships.

## **FOR ACTION**

### **CVB BOARD APPOINTMENT & PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

John Staley has served on the CVB Board as the Park District's representative for several years, and is willing to continue.

President Hutchison has served on the Planning and Zoning Commission as the Park District's representative for several years, and also is willing to continue serving.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to appoint John to serve on the CVB Board again and President Hutchison to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission again. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

All reports were accepted as presented.

## **BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR OCTOBER**

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the bills for October in the amount of \$392,196.08. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS**

Superintendent Mullally reported Mr. Bohlman will be at the December Board meeting to present the final recommendations on his energy report.

The Park District's contribution toward the Boundless Playground is \$15,000 to \$20,000.

Dave Clark reported he has the thistle problem at King's Walk under control.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported all indoor arenas are up and running. The Bantam hockey draft is scheduled for November 11.

Cam Tweten reported he hopes to get a response from someone in naming rights for the new, proposed Wellness Center. He feels December could be a good month for that.

To date membership at Center Court is at 1368.

Forestry reported 825 street trees pruned in October, 41 request calls answered and the crew helped with cleanup of the community gardens.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

It was reported a meeting is being set up with Rick Tonder and Paul Clark of UND regarding the Jacobi Tennis Courts.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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John Staley, Clerk

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Bill Hutchison, President