

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
NOVEMBER 3, 2009**

**AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, November 3, 2009, at 5:00 p.m., in the Grand Forks Park District board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Panzer, Bollman, LaDouceur and Westlund.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 6, 2009**

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the minutes from the October 6, 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**

**ALTRU LEASE AGREEMENT**

Director Staley provided corrections to the lease and went over them with the Board.

The Board generally felt the lease still needed more discussion about it with Altru, and instructed Director Staley and attorney Dick Olson to work with Altru on the document and bring it back to the Board.

**EXCLUSIVE CATERING AT LINCOLN CLUBHOUSE**

After discussion, Commissioner Hutchison stated he preferred to not do this at this time as it is too late in the year. He requested the item appear on the December agenda under "For Action," to make the item go into effect January 1, 2010.

**COMPENSATION PROPOSAL FOR 2010**

Galen Cariveau addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the cost of living, market adjustment, merit and health insurance increases.

Mr. Cariveau proposed to the Board a 1% cost of living increase, move those employees to 87.5% of market that are not there, increase merit pay to 1%, and move to have employees pay 25% of the health insurance premium increase and the District 75%.

The health insurance plan that the employee Health Insurance Committee has looked at, and employees have agreed to switch to, could save the Park District \$23,000 however, it depends on the increase in the premium. That number will not be known for a while.

Commissioner Westlund stated he agrees with Mr. Cariveau's recommendations, but the health insurance is a separate issue.

Commissioner Hutchison proposed the market adjustment be to 85%, cost of living at 2% (that way no one goes backwards), and the merit at 1% for an overall increase in compensation of 4%.

As for the health insurance issue, he stated he felt the District should look at both options: the PERS plan and the Comp Choice 500 plan.

This item will appear on the December agenda.

### **FITNESS CENTER SITE SURVEY**

Commissioner Hutchison stated the District still does not know if they are going to do the project. He felt going through the expense of the survey is unnecessary, in case it doesn't happen.

He was informed that the architect feels the need to get the data.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he'd then like to see the survey done in the spring, not this fall. Is there a negative to that? He was informed there wasn't.

Commissioner Bollman stated this is just one more step in the process of going ahead with the project.

Commissioner Panzer stated the money is in the Foundation and given for that purpose. He feels the survey should be done now as we have the funds.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to approve the survey proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried with Commissioner Hutchison dissenting.

### **FOR ACTION**

### **ZAMBONI BID**

Superintendent Palmiscno informed the Board the Zamboni needs to be ordered now, so the District can get delivery in a year. The total cost to the District will be \$83,104.39 and the plan is to pay for it over a period of two years. The bid came in from the Zamboni Company of Paramount, CA. The Blue Line Club may be able to help in the cost, also.

Commissioner Panzer suggested the District look at selling advertising on the Zamboni to help pay for it.

Director Staley also suggested selling advertising on the hockey boards at the arenas as a source of revenue, which has been previously suggested.

The Board liked both suggestions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to purchase the Zamboni at a cost of \$83,104.39. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

### **CONSIDERATION OF BOND SALE RESULTS**

This item was tabled and will appear at a later date.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

All reports were accepted as presented.

### **BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR SEPTEMBER**

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the Park District bills for September in the amount of \$536,627.06. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the Parks and Recreation Foundation bills for September in the amount of \$5,530.06. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS**

Superintendent Mullally reported employees have heard a presentation of the PERS pension plan and now they must decide to either stay with Aeltus or go with PERS. All new employees as of January 1, 2010, will go with the PERS pension plan. PERS must hear from the Park District by November 14 on current employees' decision.

Cam Tweten reported there are 53 teams playing in the City League basketball program and they are looking for referees.

He also reported to date membership at 1383 at Center Court.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported winter programs have begun. Public skating session began November 1 and hockey tournaments are coming in mid-November.

Forestry reported 253 street trees pruned in October and the crew helped clean up and compost the city flowerbeds.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Westlund reported he'd like to see trees planted at Kiwanis and what is the plan for that? He was informed trees are planned along 40<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, at the southeast and northwest corners as well as Rummele Road.

Commissioner LaDouceur inquired about the profit from the Disc Golf Tournament held at Lincoln Drive Park this past summer. Superintendent Mullally reported he has not heard from the organizer.

Commissioner LaDouceur also inquired about the construction manager for the proposed wellness center. He felt we should move forward on that and get out an RFP.

Commissioner Panzer inquired about the \$15,000 committed to Riverside Pool. Did we spend the whole amount? Superintendent Palmiscno reported the City is to rebate the Park District the \$3000 Park District funds overspent on the pool.

Commissioner Hutchison inquired about the Viking School playground upgrade.

Director Staley reported to the Board the Symington Park tennis courts are a mess. The Board asked for suggestions from staff and possibly the neighborhood as well as to what to do with the courts/area.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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John Staley, Clerk

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Bill Hutchison, President

