

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
December 16, 2008**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for a special meeting at 4 p.m., Tuesday, December 16, 2008, in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Panzer, Bollman, LaDouceur and Westlund.

FOR DISCUSSION

ENERGY AUDIT

Mr. Randall Bohlman addressed the Commissioners with his recommendations on energy savings at the Purpur/Gambucci Arenas and the Eagles/Blue Line Club Arenas.

His recommendations could save \$39,334.00 of energy costs at the Eagles/Blue Line Club Arenas and \$45,809.00 at the Purpur/Gambucci Arenas. This amounts to a 28% to 34% reduction in energy costs:

Add a separate service for irrigation at Purpur for a savings of \$2600.00

Concentrate on low cost/no cost items first

Consider lighting second. There are grants available for up to \$25,000.00 to upgrade the lighting and can apply for them as many times as needed.

Lighting is the easiest and most beneficial energy savings upgrade and the changes can be done in phases.

Can use some of our own labor for the changes and our own electrician, if we have one on staff.

Upgrading using Mr. Bohlman's suggestions would take about 1 ½ years.

Some changes will necessitate procuring an engineer i.e. domestic heat recovery at the Purpur Arena.

The immediate issue to address is the power factor at the Eagles/Blue Line Club Arenas, which is very poor. It is in the 70% range, which generates penalties and capital cost of about \$8700.00.

Mr. Bohlman also suggested getting a contractor to make sure the project gets going in the right direction. He, himself is available on a consulting basis for \$85.00/hr.

He also wanted to remind the Board these recommendations are going in the green direction, and should be pointed out as part of the justification for the upgrades.

Commissioner Westlund feels the whole thing should be done.

Commissioner Hutchison feels the power factor be addressed immediately.

Commissioner Panzer stated savings with the projects done would be \$35,000/year and money could be borrowed to cover the costs and the savings make the payment on the loan.

Commissioners Bollman and Westlund feel this is the way to go.

Administration was instructed to get loan rates quotes on a loan for \$287,000, \$400,000 and \$521,000.

PURPUR/GAMBUCCI ARENAS

The Board was given a schedule of the workload at the Purpur/Gambucci Arenas and the staff that is available to do it and compared to the Eagles/Blue Line Club Arenas for their review.

HOCKEY ACCELERATION

Mr. Brad Berry is conducting a hockey acceleration program at the REA. He has been approached to do the same at the Sports Acceleration Center on a percentage basis. He would like to get going with it in March 2009.

He attended the meeting, to get permission from the Board to move forward with this plan. The details are yet to be worked out, but when they are, he will bring them back to the Board.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he likes the idea. All Commissioners agreed it was a great idea.

BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

Mr. Don Kramer, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, addressed the Commissioners and several employees regarding the deductibles and co-pays of the medical insurance plan.

He fielded questions from Board members, administrators, and employees.

There was lots of discussion, lots of statistics, and several questions regarding deductibles, co-pays, and different plans under the Blue Cross/Blue Shield umbrella.

Bill Palmiscno spoke for the Health Insurance Committee and presented the recommendation from them that the Committee needs direction from the Board.

Commissioner Hutchison and Westlund stated nothing has changed, yet.

Commissioner Bollman stated they were going to take a look at PERS for July 1, and that information should be available well before that date.

Most commissioners agreed a decision should be made at the January Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Bill Hutchison, President