

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
December 9, 2008**

**AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Panzer, Bollman, LaDouceur and Westlund.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2008, Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

None.

**DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

Tim Riopelle, President of the Grand Forks Blue Line Club, addressed the Commissioners stating the G F Blue Line Club had paid off the debt on the Gambucci Arena, two years early, and he presented the key to the arena to President Hutchison.

President Hutchison thanked the Club on behalf of the Park District.

Mike Orr, of Center Court, presented the 14 and under junior tennis team to the Board. They competed in Mobile, Alabama at the National tourney, and won first place.

The team presented the banner and trophy and introduced themselves. The banner and trophy will be displayed at Center Court.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**EMPLOYEE TOTAL COMPENSATION PACKAGE**

Joe Martin, Brady Martz and Associates, presented the Board with a copy of the employee total compensation package information. They were invited to go over it and suggest changes and make comments. Mr. Martin stated he hoped to have it ready and to employees in January 2009.

When it is ready, department heads will get an opportunity to go over the information with employees.

**EAGLES CREST GRILL REPORT**

Paul Waind addressed the Board and presented statistics on Eagle's Crest and how it's been doing in 2008.

He is projecting sales for 2008-09 to be \$900,000.00. To date sales through October 2008 are at \$576,197.45.

One problem he has is with the beverage cart as it keeps breaking down. The carts are worn out, and need new ones. The Board agreed and asked to get quotes on new beverage carts and maybe a utility cart.

#### **BEVERAGE CONTRACT**

Superintendent Palmiscno stated the bid will be awarded in March.

Commissioner Panzer suggested the contract be shorter than five years, perhaps three years instead.

Also, an addition to the contract from the past was a request to add bottled water to the contract and sell to the Park District for King's Walk and Lincoln Golf courses.

It was agreed to bid out the contract on a three- and five-year basis. The bids will be presented to the Board at the February 5, 2009, Board meeting.

#### **FOR ACTION**

#### **ULLAND GRANT AWARDS**

This is the second reading for the grant requests. There was one late applicant that was submitted to the Commissioners after November 4.

Superintendent Palmiscno stated no changes have been made and there have been no comments regarding the awarding of the grants and suggested the Board approve the requests.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to approve the Ulland grant requests. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

Recipients will receive notice by mail, and will be instructed to request their grant award after January 1, 2009.

#### **GREENWAY PARK LEASES**

This is the second time these leases have been before the Commissioners. The special assessments on these leases will be the responsibility of the City of Grand Forks.

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

#### **EMPLOYEE HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Bollman briefed the Board on the meetings with employees regarding the health insurance issue. The committee made its recommendation and presented it to the Board at this meeting.

Discussion followed:

Commissioner Panzer doesn't like the proposal. He feels the deductible on the health insurance should be higher, and then the premium would be lower.

Commissioner Westlund doesn't like the percentages. The City of Grand Forks has a higher deductible, and employees pay 28% of their premium.

Commissioner Hutchison stated we are not looking at changing deductibles at this meeting. We are looking at how much employees will pay toward their medical insurance premium and how much the Park District will pay.

The deductible right now is \$200.00 for the family plan, with a 6% increase in the premium. However, this is temporary and the premium could increase during the year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to accept the employee recommendation and future health care coverage to be decided during 2009. Motion died for lack of a second.

Employees suggested cutting in other areas instead of placing the burden on the employees; employees look at ways to save money and do so, but then are expected to bear cuts in benefits; employees are getting mixed signals from the Board on this issue.

John Staley suggested tabling the issue.

Commissioner Bollman suggested we need something to get us going for 2009.

Commissioner LaDouceur wants more information.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to table the issue and find out more information. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried with Commissioner Bollman dissenting.

The January medical insurance premium will be covered by the Park District. Commissioner Panzer suggested looking at higher deductibles; Commissioner Westlund suggested a Blue Cross/Blue Shield presentation.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

All reports were accepted as presented.

### **BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR NOVEMBER**

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the November bills in the amount of \$492,362.72. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS**

All reports were accepted as presented.

Superintendent Mullally reported the outdoor rinks may be open by the middle of next week. The hockey rinks are good, the pleasure rinks need work.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported Santa Village opens to the public on Thursday and 15 rentals of the clubhouse for holiday parties have already been booked.

He will be meeting with the UND people regarding artificial turf at Kraft Field.

Forestry reported the crew helped decorate Santa Village; helped at King's Walk to cover greens and pruned 502 street trees in November.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner LaDouceur suggested the Purpur/Gambucci Arena complex be readied in time for the season. He feels they are our showcase arenas.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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John Staley, Clerk

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Bill Hutchison, President

