

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 5, 2008**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., at the Park District's Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Bollman, LaDouceur, Hutchison, Panzer and Jeske.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 8, 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2008, Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

None.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

ELKS TOT POOL

The Commissioners were presented an architectural drawing of the proposed pool.

Concerns from former Commissioner Stromberg were discussed in regard to water safety in a tot pool. Bill Palmiscno stated those concerns are there, but lessen at our pools because of a maintenance person on staff to clean and maintain daily.

The plan is to build in 2009 and start after the pool closes for the 2008 season for safety reasons and Health Department concerns, with dirt blowing from the construction site.

A Public Health representative and EAPC will be at the March board meeting to discuss this project.

EXCLUSIVE BEVERAGE CONTRACT

This contract is due to be re-bid in 2009. However, Coke has approached Bill Palmiscno to extend the current contract five years instead of re-bidding it in 2009. They would give the Park District a better deal: \$43,000.00 instead of \$36,000.00 for the length of the contract; they would sell the sodas to us and we would stock our vending machines in our facilities, plus they would donate \$20,000.00 to the 2009 Prairie Rose State Games.

Bill stated this is strictly a suggestion and if the Board is not comfortable with it, we wouldn't go with it.

Commissioners Hutchison and Jeske felt the contract should be re-bid for 2009.

2008 C & B BUDGET REVIEW

John asked the Board for anymore projects to put into the budget. He stated we are going to need our funds for the proposed Wellness Center.

John reviewed the C & B dollars and asked the Board how they wanted to "push the money around."

Commissioner Bollman inquired as to a project that is of importance. John stated the Riverside tennis courts and maybe the Apollo Park restrooms.

Bill Palmiscno stated the Apollo Park restrooms could wait until August. He stated the pool slide and a couple of diamonds need work.

Commissioner Bollman suggested putting a hold on things for six or seven months.

John stated this budget can also be discussed at the March meeting.

Commissioner Hutchison asked if we are after not spending any C & B funds.

John stated he would recommend that.

Commissioner Hutchison prefers to set aside funds for the Wellness project, but doesn't like tying up every available dollar we have.

Commissioner Bollman suggested delaying any C & B projects until September to see where we are.

John Staley asked the Commissioners how they wanted to handle the loss at Center Court Fitness Club for 2007. Commissioner Hutchison suggested it be shown as an increase in debt service.

FOR ACTION

COST OF LIVING

After discussion and review of the cost of living increase, Commissioner Jeske made a motion for the 2008 cost of living increase to be set at 3% and 1% for merit.

Commissioner Jeske then amended her motion by changing the 1% merit to 1% for the health insurance premium increase. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

Commissioner Jeske amended her motion to make the cost of living increase retroactive to January 1, 2008. All Commissioners agreed.

LAND DONATION

This item was tabled until possibly the March Board meeting.

BID ELKS POOL SLIDE

Bids received showed Gerrell's as low bid at \$37,660.00.

Bill recommended accepting the low bid.

Commissioner Hutchison inquired if there are similar slides around and how do kids like it?

Bill stated he hadn't checked around.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to accept the low bid from Gerrell's on item 1, single slide. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR JANUARY

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the bills for January 2008, in the amount of \$391,268.65. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

Superintendent Mullally stated rinks will be open until the first week of March.

Suite 49 has again requested an alcohol permit for University Park for Spring Fest.

Also, the rabbit problem has abated.

Superintendent Palmiscno stated there are seven hockey tournaments coming up and the Ice Show, as well.

Forestry reported its crew attended workshops on urban forestry, electrical hazard awareness and pesticide re-certification during the month of January.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Congratulations were stated for Grand Forks again being given the distinction of Tree City USA. A media release will be forthcoming on this.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Jim Bollman, President