

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

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Bollman, LaDouceur, Hutchison, Panzer and Jeske. Congratulations were extended to Commissioner Hutchison on his appointment to the Grand Forks City Council replacing Bob Brooks.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2008

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the minutes from the February 5, 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

PARK ADOPTION – EXCHANGE CLUB

Dave Unkenholz, President of the Exchange Club, addressed the Board stating the Club is in a position of committing to a long-term project and are proposing a \$10,000.00 donation and naming rights to Lake Agassiz Park. If there is an objection to that park, they are interested in sponsoring a park. He asked the Board to consider the request favorably.

John Staley explained this process needs public hearings, at least two. Their offer is welcomed, but must research the naming of Lake Agassiz Park.

President Bollman agreed. Commissioner Hutchison asked if there are other park areas that need to be named, and John listed three areas where parks will come in that will need to be named.

This item will be researched and appear on the agenda at another Board meeting.

ELKS TOT POOL

Representatives from EAPC, the G F Public Health Department and former Commissioner Mike Stromberg were on hand for this item.

EAPC presented two options on cost estimates. Option one came in at a cost of \$154,402.00 and option two came in at a cost of \$141,873.00. The difference is in the size of the deck. Option two provides for a smaller concrete deck.

The construction period could begin at the end of the 2008 swimming season, requiring approximately 45 to 60 days and be ready for the 2009 season.

Discussion followed:

Commissioner Jeske would like to see a third option visited, which would provide for a smaller amount of chain link fence than the first two options.

Max Larson of the G F Public Health Department suggested a UV filter be put into all the options as it helps clean water of bacteria.

Former Commissioner Stromberg expressed his concerns of water borne bacteria and kids swallowing water contaminated with the Crypto bacteria which can create recreational water illnesses in children. There is a movement away from wading pools to splash parks for this reason.

It was agreed this concern, plus a third option on the tot pool will be discussed further.

GOLF CONTRACT

Steve Mullally addressed the Board with a proposal for the Golf Pro contract.

The proposed terms of the contract are:

Contract runs from March 1 through November 30, 2008 through 2010

Base salary is to be \$33,000.00 with cost of living to be determined by the Board

A \$300.00 allowance per month for health insurance

A 7% commission on daily cart rentals

A 10% of gross driving range sales commission

The Pro would own and be responsible for all pro shop merchandise and sales

The Pro would pay the Park District 3% of Pro Shop gross annual sales

The Pro would purchase existing Pro Shop merchandise at cost from the Park District

Commissioner Jeske asked who would market the merchandise of the Pro Shop. Dan Tannahill stated that is still to be determined.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he wants to see more on the numbers and what they really are.

Commissioner Bollman stated these terms are a way of making the position more attractive and he would like to see the Pro under contract by spring.

Commissioner Panzer likes the idea and the possibility of more dollars for the Park District.

Commissioner Bollman asked the Board for approval of the terms.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to get the numbers and things together for the golf contract. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

C & B PRIORITIES

John went over the worksheet for the C & B budget. A list of what the Park District really needs to do was also discussed.

Some items mentioned that need to be addressed were: Riverside Park, Frisbee golf course and Lion's Park trail.

DESIGN PROPOSAL FOR KIWANIS PARK

Some amenities mentioned for the park were baseball fields, outdoor tennis courts and playground equipment.

Another issue is the residents of the Rummele Road area, the residential area where the park will be located. They are concerned about the traffic the park location could generate.

It was agreed to go ahead and get some plans for the park.

FOR ACTION

SELECT BOARD AUDIT COMMITTEE

This committee would be for the purpose of discussing the annual audit with Brady Martz, upon its completion, but prior to a Board meeting.

Commissioners Hutchison and Jeske volunteered to serve on the committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve Commissioners Hutchison and Jeske serving on the Audit Committee. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR FEBRUARY

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the bills for February in the amount of \$1,033,986.03. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

Superintendent Palmiscno reported a 12 and under girls hockey tournament will run at the arena from March 7 through March 9. He also reported the scoreboards have been ordered for Apollo.

Superintendent Mullally reported King's Walk is scheduling an open house in mid-April.

Forestry reported 289 street trees pruned and 24 request calls answered.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Commissioner Jeske reported the Lion's Park trail is bad and in dire need of repair.

Commissioner Hutchison reported he would like to see Donna Jarmusz's report on the wellness center.

He also reported the Riverside Pool issue will be up for discussion with the neighborhood and Councilman Elliot Glassheim. The estimate is at 1.2 million dollars to flood proof and re-open the pool.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time the Board went into Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Jim Bollman, President

