

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
MARCH 6, 2007**

**AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., in the Park District board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Bollman, LaDouceur, Hutchison, Panzer and Jeske.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2007**

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeske to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2007, meeting. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

None. John Staley noted item B under "For Action," needs to be tabled. The information for that item will be available for the April Board meeting.

**DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

Kaydi Strickler, of the G F Kennel Club, addressed the Board. The Club currently teaches dog obedience classes indoors and is looking for an outdoor facility from May to mid-October. They need a 100' by 100' area, with storage availability. They suggested perhaps a hockey area with a warming house.

Administration suggested Lake Agassiz warming house and hockey area might work.

The Club was asked to stay in touch with the Board and they will look into that possibility.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**RED RIVER GYMNASTICS CLUB LEASE**

The current lease with the Club has not been addressed for several years.

The Club has not yet seen this draft, but is aware it is being done. The balance due the Park District of \$38,000.00 is addressed in the new lease. It now goes to the Board of the Gymnastics Club, and hopefully it will be ready for action in April.

## **TECHNOLOGY UPDATE & FINANCE PLAN**

The Board was presented with information on the update and financing options.

It is hoped the plan and financing will be ready for action in April.

## **DESIGN CONCEPT FOR ABBOTT COURTS**

This concept is to convert three tennis courts to two full-court and two half-court basketball courts, and will be nice for outdoor basketball.

Also, the Lincoln Park tennis courts would be resurfaced and new fencing put in under this project.

An amount of \$50,000.00 has been appropriated for the projects, with bathrooms to hopefully be added next year at Abbott. Adding the bathrooms would put the total project at \$100,000.00.

The goal is to run leagues and there could be lots of other opportunities. The Fastbreak Club has also been approached to see if there is interest.

There were no complaints from the neighborhood last year when basketball was played at Abbott.

The conversion could be done in May if the Board approves the conversion. It would take about three days to complete the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to resurface Lincoln Park tennis courts and put in new fencing and convert and resurface three tennis courts at Abbott to basketball courts. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

## **GOLF SURVEY RESULTS**

Galen Cariveau's office conducted the survey and put the results together. He went over the results with the Board.

Converting the responses to an A, B, C, D, system, King's Walk received all A's on the survey except for Pro Shop pricing, and that received a C.

Lincoln Golf Course received a few A's, a few B's and one C.

The overall conclusion is that responses from customers were very positive and there are no major areas to concentrate on, but only small ones. Customers also commented they have noticed and appreciate the improvements at King's Walk and Lincoln.

Galen stated the next survey will be on the Park District swimming program.

## **FOR ACTION**

### **LINCOLN DRIVE PARK LEASE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to approve the lease. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

### **PERMISSION TO BID COURTS RESURFACING**

This item was addressed in the discussion portion of the agenda under item C.

### **PARK DEDICATION FOR MCENROE FIRST**

This dedication is on the east side of 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue S. The Park District, at the Park Dedication Committee meeting, requested a cash payment in lieu of a land dedication.

It was agreed on 8% of the residential land value which would be \$48,239.04. The payment would start in 2008, with four annual payments, or paid in full as land is sold.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to accept the cash payment in lieu of land dedication. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER (POST AUDIT) AND THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

All reports were accepted as presented.

### **BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR FEBRUARY 2007**

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the bills for February 2007, in the amount of \$927,474.68. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

### **SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS**

All reports were accepted as presented.

Bill Palmiscno reported 200 skaters performed in the ice show.

Greenway Ski Days were held on Saturday, but the Friday night event was cancelled.

Knight for a Princess is going well, with one night already filled up.

Center Court reported to date membership at 1502. The Grand Am basketball Tournament is scheduled March 23 through March 25.

Steve Mullally reported the public appreciates the groomed ski trails and eight miles of trails were groomed for Greenway Ski Days.

Outdoor skating rinks are scheduled to close March 11, but the Lincoln Drive Park warming house will remain open for sledders.

Forestry reported 254 street trees pruned, and trees on the Lincoln kids' golf course.

### **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT**

Commissioner Hutchison reported the Center Court Committee met and determined rates for Altru employees at Center Court, because of Altru's special relationship with Center Court.

Commissioner LaDouceur thanked the Park District for the cross-country ski trial work put forth for him.

Commissioner Bollman reported he has completed an evaluation of the Director, and asked the Commissioners to go over it and meet with John.

John Staley stated the planning session with Galen went well, and he should have an update email to the Board by the end of the week. He will be in Bismarck on Wednesday in connection with the Taxpayers Bill of Rights.

Commissioner Panzer was congratulated for being inducted into Central High School's Sports Hall of Fame.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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John Staley, Clerk

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Jim Bollman, President

