

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 3, 2007**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Bollman, LaDouceur, Hutchison and Panzer. Commissioner Jeske was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 6, 2007

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2007, Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

Representatives from Suite 49, Kati Brown and Chad Huff, addressed the Board regarding their plans for Springfest 2007.

It is planned to take place Saturday, May 5, in University Park, with Suite 49 again being the sponsor like last year.

They asked the Board for help in covering expenses this year that the Park District has covered in the past such as portable toilets and cleanup of the park. They cannot cover those expenses since they will have to double their labor and increase their miscellaneous supplies this year.

Commissioner Bollman stated he had hoped the Park District to be out of the Springfest expense, since the Park District is not a sponsor.

John Staley asked the Board to consider helping with these expenses again this year to help make this a good event. UND can't take any ownership of the event as it is a dry campus.

Commissioner Hutchison stated he felt UND should at least help with the cleanup. Last year was a good year and he feels the Park District should be willing to absorb the \$3000 to \$4000 expense of Springfest one more year. The Park District does it for all other ages.

Commissioner Panzer stated he felt the same way.

John stated it is a good choice to have the Board feel they want to fund those expenses one more year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to do the same as previous years and cover a \$4000.00 expense for Springfest, with the idea that the Park District will wean itself off. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

FOR DISCUSSION

2006 AUDIT

Joe Martin, Brady Martz, addressed the Board with an overview of the 2006 audit.

There was only one management recommendation for 2006.

He cautioned, on reviewing the financial statements, to watch fund balances for Debt Service and the Enterprise funds, and invited any Commissioner to get in touch with Brady Martz with any questions/concerns.

HOCKEY REPORT

Bob Gillen addressed the Board and presented the hockey report for the 2006/07 hockey season.

The following points were made:

The Monday night skills was again well received and the program added a goalie skills night also

Coaches roundtable discussions again took place and good feedback was received

The Termite Olympics was held again this season and well received

The traveling teams did well

There were 72 house rec league, non-travel players, and 20 kids from Northwood in that program for a total of 92 players. Larimore plans to join in next year.

A new event, Siouxper Skills Challenge, was added this season and went over well with players, the Sioux hockey players and parents

Some sports acceleration will be incorporated

Grand Forks hosted the Bantam B2 Tournament with Grand Forks winning it

There was also a mandatory weekend off incorporated this year

Bob stated the following were challenges this year:

Filling game schedules for the A teams

Coaching – some are good and some are not. He does not get a lot of applicants

There was poor outdoor rink attendance, but the weather extremes contributed to that

Private teams continued to be a problem with conflicting tournament schedules outside of the Park District's scheduled tournament schedules

This October the hockey program hopes to bring in Robby Glantz for hockey clinics.

FOR ACTION

G F KENNEL CLUB USE AGREEMENT

The Lake Agassiz site could work nicely and the Club is very excited about the site. The Club is thinking of adding a small fee onto its membership dues to cover costs of using the site and payment to the Park District at the end of the outdoor season.

The hockey boards will be kept up to accommodate the dogs and the club.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to move ahead with the lease and a fee added for use of the building. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

AWARD DED REMOVAL BID

Mike Fugazzi recommended to the Board to accept the bid from Gary's Tree Removal as low bidder. The company has done work for the Park District in the past.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to accept the recommendation to approve the bid of Gary's Tree Removal. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

BIDS ON NEW PARK EQUIPMENT/COURT BIDS

All low bidders were approved by the Board. The golf equipment bids, however, were over the budgeted amount of \$55,000.00.

The Board felt the equipment purchases should stay in budget. To do this, the golf staff was asked not to purchase the greens mower.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve low bids for the park equipment and golf equipment, with the exception of the greens mower. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried with Commissioner Bollman dissenting.

The bid for the Lincoln Park tennis courts and Abbott tennis courts came in at \$62,036.00 from Madsen Specialties.

Options for financing were discussed:

Fund from C & B, and the Land Fund; Finance the project over a period of three to five years; or fund only Lincoln Tennis Courts and leave Abbott until next year.

Commissioner Bollman stated he would like to see Abbott converted to basketball courts this year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to go ahead with both the Lincoln Tennis Courts and Abbott Courts and finance the projects. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

If financing, then perhaps the bathrooms at Abbott could be considered this year.

PERMISSION TO BID PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR BEN FRANKLIN HEADSTART

Bill Palmiscno explained to the Board the Park District would call for bids, but Headstart would pay for the equipment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to give permission to bid playground equipment for Ben Franklin Headstart. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR MARCH 2007

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the bills for March 2007, in the amount of \$642,068.22. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

Steve Mullally reported an open house at King's Walk Golf Course is scheduled for Saturday, April 14.

Outdoor rinks closed on March 10 and his crew is preparing for the opening of the Parks season.

Bill Palmiscno presented the Board with a copy of the 2007 *Parks & Recreation Activities Guide*. The guide was bid out this year and saved money over past years on the print job.

Over 1,000 attended the Knight for a Princess event the end of March. The plan for next year is to have the event two weekends, thus having smaller groups each night for four nights.

Cam reported the whirlpool at Center Court is in need of major repair.

Summer hours will start on May 21 at Center Court and cleaning services will be cut back to 16 hours a week to save about \$2000.00 a month

Total to date membership is at 1514.

Forestry reported 570 street trees pruned during March and 49 request calls answered.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Panzer reported it was great to have Northwood included in the rec league hockey program this season.

He and Commissioner Hutchison both asked about the skate park and when and where it will be re-located.

John reported he is working with Chief Packett trying to find a solution.

Commissioner Panzer would also like to see a report on what is going on at Eagle's Crest.

John asked the Commissioners about King's Walk sponsorships. Should it be a three- or five-year commitment? The Commissioners all felt a three-year commitment is appropriate. If the course continues to do well at the end of the three years, then go for a five-year.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Jim Bollman, President