

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MAY 1, 2007**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met on Tuesday, May 1, 2007, at 5:00 p.m., in the Park District's Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Bollman, LaDouceur, Hutchison, Panzer and Jeske.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 3, 2007

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2007, meeting. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

None.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

FORMATION OF PARK DISTRICT FOUNDATION

John Staley addressed the Board about the formation of a Park District Foundation. John feels it is imperative to get this going to obtain dollars in the future. The formation of a foundation has become common among park districts.

He has been working with Joe Martin of Brady Martz, and Attorney Dick Olson to get the first stages of this project going.

Dick Olson stated the Park District needs to apply with the State of North Dakota to create a non-profit foundation. Once that is approved, the next step it to apply to the IRS for a 501 (3) (c) status, which may take some months to get approved.

A Board needs to be created. Dick Olson suggested two of the Commissioners, and representatives from the sporting groups. To get started, two commissioners and John need to be the incorporators. Once incorporated, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws need to be established, but you do not need money to put in it to start.

Brady Martz gets involved with the IRS tax exempt status when ready to apply for that.

Input is needed from the Board on what to name the foundation, who will serve on the Board, and how it should be run.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to go ahead and pursue the foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

Commissioners Panzer and Jeske have volunteered to work with John to get a name, etc.

EAGLES CREST GRILL REPORT

Paul Waind addressed the Board. He felt everything was on line. January through mid-February presented some challenges, but that is normal in the restaurant business.

His goal in the next 12 months is to come in at \$700,000.00. He is going to continue to upgrade the menu. He has some limitations on expanding the menu, due to space constraints. Sunday brunches are improving and the Saturday baskets were a huge success. He wants to tap into the Canadian business by marketing through the hotels/motels. He has lots of groups and reservations for the summer and May is booked.

The equipment is good and in good shape. The indoor furniture is in good shape and the new patio furniture is great to have. He would like to tailgate on the POS system of golf. He feels it would be a nice improvement.

Parking can be a problem on league nights and Saturdays during the golf season. An extra 25 to 50 parking spots would help.

He sees it getting better with growth of the population in that end of town.

RED RIVER VALLEY GYMNASTICS CONTRACT

The organization still owes the Park District \$38,568.00; however that amount may be adjusted downward by \$10,000.00, with Coca Cola donations. RRV Gymnastics is willing to pay off the debt, over time, at \$5,000.00 a year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to approve the contract with RRV Gymnastics as presented, and the balance of their debt paid to the Park District at \$5000.00 per year until paid off, which may be adjusted by Coca Cola donations. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

SKATE PARK LOCATION

John Staley stated the Grand Cities Mall has indicated some interest in having the skate park located there. The other location being considered is LaGrave Park.

Commissioner Panzer stated the relocation of the skate park needs to be done as soon as possible and LaGrave Park is a better choice than the Grand Cities Mall. The School District would like to see a resolution.

The City Council needs to be approached for the LaGrave Park location.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the move of the skate park to LaGrave Park. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF LAKE AGASSIZ LAND APPRAISAL

The appraisal on the land sale to the School District came in at \$70,266.15. John feels the appraisal is too low, but it is the Board's decision to accept or not.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to accept the appraisal and present it to the School Board. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

FOR ACTION

PURCHASE OF NEW FENCING AT LINCOLN TENNIS COURTS PURCHASE OF PHASE II TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE SELECTION OF FINANCING FOR THE ABOVE TWO ITEMS

Discussion took place on all three topics, but for lack of complete financing information, no decisions were made on the above three items. They were tabled until the mid-month Board meeting on May 15, 2007.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR APRIL 2007

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the bills for April 2007, in the amount of \$816,830.29. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

All reports were accepted as presented.

Steve Mullally recommended taking over the tennis courts at Riverside.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to take control of the tennis courts at Riverside Park. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

Steve reported 2440 rounds played at King's Walk in April and 1488 rounds played at Lincoln during the same time period.

Cam Tweten reported to date membership at 1466. A dedication of the renovated Abbott Sports Complex will take place after the Board meeting on June 5, 2007.

Bill Palmiscno reported the spray parks will open in mid-May, lots of activities going on in the arenas and summer programs starting and pool opening in early June.

Mike Fugazzi reported the Community Garden program now has four acres for at least the next 10 years to rent plots to gardeners.

He would like to purchase a stump grinder to grind out stumps, instead of contracting it out. He feels the purchase would pay for itself.

Emerald ash bore is a problem and could be the Dutch elm disease of ash trees. If residents have tainted wood, it is recommended they dispose of it.

Arbor Day will be held on Thursday, May 3, at noon at the EGF Parks & Rec building.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

John Staley reported the King's Walk clubhouse sponsorships are coming in, but slow. Alerus, Bremer and Froelich, Paulson and Moore are back as sponsors.

He would like a mid-month Board meeting on May 15 for the purpose of discussing the Center Court Fitness Club/Alerus situation.

Commissioner LaDouceur suggested advertising hole sponsorships at holes that have no sponsorship.

Commissioner Hutchison stated the Trent Olson subdivision land dedication is coming up, and he'd like to see land dedication for park development rather than a cash payment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Jim Bollman, President