

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
JULY 10, 2007**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, 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 JUNE 5 & 25, 2007

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the minutes from the June 5 & 25, 2007, Board meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

John Staley requested item E under "For Discussion" be added as Dog Park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to add the above item to the agenda. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY FURST BASE, SERTOMA AND L & M GLASSFIBER

Dick Brownson, Kay Derry, Dan Schenkein, Kevin Austin and Drew Leehan presented the Park District with an AED for use at Ulland Park. The G F Softball Association starting soliciting donations for AEDs for Ulland after Kevin Austin had a heart attack in early May. The organization had hoped to raise enough for two AEDs, but raised enough for four. Two will be used at Ulland, one at Kraft and one at Apollo ball parks. All will be donated to the Park District for those facilities by FURST BASE, SERTOMA AND L & M Glassfiber Company.

President Bollman thanked all the organizations for their generous, life-saving efforts.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

ROAD UPGRADE INTO LINCOLN GOLF COURSE

Mark Walker of the City Engineering Department addressed the Commissioners. There are dollars set aside for road reconstruction on roadways near the completed levy sites.

To reconstruct the road into Lincoln Golf Course, a temporary road would have to be constructed or the course shut down while the whole road is being reconstructed. The construction will take about 10 days and begin the end of August.

Commissioner Hutchison felt closing the course for 10 days would be the best way to handle the project instead of building a temporary road.

The Board assured Mr. Walker they would have the cooperation of the Park District in this road reconstruction, and the details will be worked out as we approach the starting date of the project.

DOG PARK

(THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF AGENDA ORDER)

The Roaming Paws dog group, along with Melanie Parvey-Biby of the City of Grand Forks addressed the Board. They are proposing a dog park site on the east edge of Lincoln Drive Park at 3.38 acres in size.

The proposed cost would be \$51,000.00 which would mostly cover fencing and water brought in.

The City Council favors the proposal and would contribute \$20,000.00 to the project. They will vote on the proposal next Monday night.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jeske to match the contribution of the City, up to \$20,000.00, contingent on what the Council votes next week. Seconded by Commissioner Hutchison; motion carried.

EAGLES CREST GILL REQUEST

Paul Waind is closing his G F Goodribs restaurant, and proposing to bring his catering business to Eagles Crest and expand the restaurant menu. In order to do that, he needs a few renovations at Eagles Crest and is asking the Board for their support in doing that. He feels an increase in sales will result for Eagles Crest.

He will need an outside walk in cooler, a large freezer and storage shed, along with some fencing around the outside electrical service.

He also is asking for a contract extension and proposing a 5% commission on the catering sales, as this will not interrupt the front line work and restaurant.

The Board felt they should go over his contract with Dick Olson and look at the commission rate and contract extension before making a decision.

Mr. Waind asked if he could get an answer to his requests by August 7.

It was agreed by the Board to put this item on the July mid-month meeting agenda.

2008 C & B BUDGET

John Staley stated administration is looking for direction from the Board on these 2008 proposed C & B projects. He answered some questions on the proposed projects.

Commissioner LaDouceur stated he needs a detail on the projects. John stated he could do that, and suggested a tour of the proposed projects.

SKATEBOARD PARK

Bill Palmiscno reported he should have quotes on the cost of the two cement pads by mid-August. The quotes should come in at roughly \$10,000.00.

FOR DISCUSSION

CENTER COURT FITNESS CLUB UPGRADE & INTERIM PLAN

Cam Tweten reported equipment repairs have cost up to \$16,000.00. Replacing this equipment would save that cost, and new carpet, along with the new equipment would make for an improved look at Center Court. He feels this could help sell and retain memberships.

The loan to pay for these improvements would be a five-year loan at 4.95% interest and an annual payment of \$19,919.00.

The option the Board liked was the building maintenance improvements of \$37,000.00 and equipment replacement of \$53,500.00, totaling \$90,500.00

Commissioner Hutchison felt converting the whirlpool into useable space at the cost of \$5000.00 was not necessary.

Commissioner Jeske felt that \$5000.00 could be used for new equipment.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the option of building maintenance improvements of up to \$37,000.00 and equipment replacement of up to \$53,500.00, for a total not to exceed \$90,500.00. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

Cam will report on the total cost of this project at the July mid-month meeting.

PARK DEDICATION FOR HIGHLAND POINT, 2ND ADDITION

This dedication is for a small park area with a continuous walkway/bikeway trail.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to approve the dedication for Highland Point, 2nd Addition. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

PARK DEDICATION FOR SHADY ACRES ADDITION

This dedication is proposing a cash payment in the amount of \$1220.00, in lieu of land.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to approve the dedication for Shady Acres Addition in the amount of a cash payment of \$1220.00. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

PARK DEDICATION FOR BRETON'S 2ND SUBDIVISION

This could possibly end up, through future development, as a five-acre park area through dedications within 77 acres of residential development. This dedication is 1.94 acres, with the landowner still having the right to farm the land.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hutchison to accept the 1.94 acres of land dedication for Breton's 2nd Subdivision. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR JUNE

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the bills for June in the amount of \$413,846.31. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT

All reports were accepted as presented.

Recreation reported Family Fun Night in Lincoln Drive Park is on Tuesday, July 24, with over 1500 hot dogs to give away as well as games, additional food and beverage, and a Just For Fun Playgrounds parade.

Total summer registrations for programs are 34 over last year. Total to date swimmers at Elks pool is at 6606 and University Park splash park at 2000.

Center Court Fitness Club reported to date membership at 1402.

Parks reported several special projects the crew assisted with: Summerthing Kids!, Soccer fields, painting of warming houses, field maintenance at Southern Estates, Relay for Life, Grand Cities Art Fest, Take a Kid Fishing, Altru, and picnic tables for CVIC, along with seasonal maintenance of the parks and grounds.

King's Walk reported to date total rounds played at 4492, compared to last year's 3790.

Forestry reported 141 trees planted, 638 trees pruned, 22 DED removals, and 174 request calls answered.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORT

Commissioner LaDouceur inquired if there is any possibility basketball will again be in University Park, and if not, then some thought given to possibly having outdoor hoops available at Valley Middle School.

It was reported the Lions Club donated \$700.00 to Lions Park, with President Bollman accepting the donation. A tree was planted in the park with part of the funds.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Jim Bollman, President

