

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
JULY 14, 2009**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Panzer, Bollman, and LaDouceur. Absent were Commissioners Hutchison and Westlund. Commissioner Panzer presided over the meeting in President Hutchison's absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 2, 18, & 25, 2009

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to approve the minutes from June 2, 18, & 25, 2009. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

John Staley requested an item E under "For Discussion" to be, Consideration of Encroachment Agreement at King's Walk.

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

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

RENAME MIDTOWN PARK

After a poll of school age children in the Near North neighborhood, the name suggested for Midtown Park was Smiley Park.

The Park District staff has admitted they are not very excited about that choice of a new name. It is not consistent with how the Park District names parks.

Councilman Eliot Glassheim spoke to the issue saying it is a way to remember the smiley water tower that is going to come down soon.

It was generally decided to have a public hearing on the name change at the August 4, 2009, Board meeting.

EAGLES CREST GRILL CONTRACT RENEWAL

Paul Waind addressed the Board with requests for the renewal of his contract at Eagles Crest Grill.

He would like the contract to be a five-year one, instead of a three-year. He also requested the contract begin the first of the new year each year and follow the calendar year, instead of an April start.

He also would consider taking over concessions at Lincoln Golf Course if it also begins on January 1 of each year.

Commissioner Panzer stated he'd like to see a three-year contract; Commissioner LaDouceur stated he had no problem with a five-year contract.

This item will appear on the August Board meeting agenda for finalization.

C & B BUDGET FOR 2010

John stated the staff has put in their ideas for 2010 C & B. He asked the Board for their suggestions and to look at what staff has suggested.

John briefly went over the suggestions.

Commissioner LaDouceur stated he'd like to see the full Board available to review and comment on the suggestions. This item will appear on the August agenda.

EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN CARRIER

To date, one proposal has come in from the N D Investment Fund to help with the transition of the pension plan to the State of North Dakota Investment Board. The cost for the transition is \$10,000.00, With half paid at the beginning of the project and the balance at completion.

Commissioner Panzer stated the Park District needs to request bids for this project. He wants to see more than one proposal.

CONSIDERATION OF ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT AT KING'S WALK GOLF COURSE

A citizen request has come in from 5849 Pinehurst Court, to put in a swimming pool.

This is along #5 green at King's Walk. Dave Clark, Greens Keeper, and Dan Tannahill, Golf Pro, have both stated they see no problem posed by granting this request.

Commissioner Panzer requested Park District attorney, Dick Olson, look at the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to grant the request from 5849 Pinehurst Court, with the approval of attorney Dick Olson. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

FOR ACTION

DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Hector Gomez again addressed the Board on his request for a three-day disc golf tournament at Lincoln Drive Park from August 14 through the 16.

Discussion followed centering on:

1. It is the responsibility of the event organizer for the shuttle buses
2. Signage is OK with everyone
3. The Park District has approved the shelter rentals
4. The park will be open to the public
5. Only one 18-hole course will be used
6. All receipts will be verified
7. A deposit of \$500.00 is made by the event organizer for cleanup expense. If the park is cleaned up after the event, the deposit will be returned to the event organizer
8. The Park District will receive 10% of the take, after expenses
9. The Park District will not provide or pay for portable toilets
10. The event cannot exclude Mr. Josh Soeby's concession wagon being in the park since we are under contract with him

Commissioner Panzer stated if all of the above are met, he has no problem with approving the event.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to allow the three-day disc golf tournament to go ahead if verification of receipts is met, there is no expense to the Park District, a \$500.00 cleaning deposit is made, all portable toilet expense is born by the event organizer and all existing conditions met. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATON AGREEMENT

Discussion on some small changes in the agreement took place.

A 4% payment on pledges is hard to do, since some pledges may back out or not honor their pledge. A 4% payment on cash pledges is no problem.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve terms of the agreement with the small changes. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

Y FAMILY CENTER

The two Boards, Park District and Y Family Center, met on June 25 and went through the details of the partnership. Both Boards agreed they want it to start September 1, 2009.

Attorney Dick Olson wants to contact the Attorney General's Office to make sure it is OK to partner with the Y.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to approve the partnership agreement with the approval of the Attorney General and our attorney. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF CLUBHOUSE BONDS A & B

The sale of these bonds will result in a lower interest rate, thus saving some interest, but will not prolong the life of the bonds.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the sale of the bonds. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

The sale of these bonds will appear on the August agenda.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR JUNE

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to approve the bills for June in the amount of \$538,006.28 for the Park District and \$5,145.64 for the Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

Superintendent Palmiscno reported the Prairie Rose State Games were good. He's sees the games shutting down in two years at its 25th anniversary.

Riverside Pool is scheduled to open on August 7..

Cam Tweten reported the Register Tennis Courts will be re-surfaced beginning this week.

Superintendent Mullally was absent.

Forestry reported 648 street trees pruned and 156 request calls answered.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Commissioner LaDouceur reported the Center Court statements are difficult to understand. Colette reported things are getting better and will continue to get better.

John Staley reported anyone wanting to attend the National Congress this fall needs to register in August.

The land sale at King's Walk is going through

The Oshie Celebrity Golf Tournament is firming up, with the Park District one of the sponsors. Proceeds will go to the Blue Line Clubs of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Bill Hutchison, President