

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 5, 2008**

**AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Bollman, LaDouceur and Westlund. Commissioner Panzer was absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JULY 8 & 17, 2008**

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the minutes from the July 8 & 17, 2008, Board meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

John Staley requested the Palmer Visit be added to the agenda as Item G under "For Discussion."

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

**DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

None.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**KING'S WALK IMPROVEMENTS: LAKE, APPROACHES**

Dave Clark addressed the Board with the plan to put a fountain on the north end of the lake, which could be colored, and three mixers also in the north end of the lake. He also proposed mixers on the south end of the lake in the future. The fountain could be shut off if it is a windy day, but the mixers would run all the time. This is to help with the algae problem in the lake. He suggested the mixers project be done in the spring. The fountain should go in now and could be completed within the next two weeks.

Discussion followed on how to finance the project at an approximate cost of \$27,346.00. It was suggested it be financed either out of C & B or from hole sponsor dollars. Commissioner LaDouceur liked the idea of using hole sponsor dollars for the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to purchase what is needed and install the fountain now. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

Pete Loyd addressed the Board regarding the approaches and swales. He stated the course is in great shape and one of the best courses around.

The grass was planted at approaches for specific reasons, but hasn't been maintained as intended and designed, i.e. mowed verticut. That type of mowing needs a separate mower and it's an every other day of mowing. It's about a \$19,000.00 annual maintenance cost.

Dave Clark stated it could take several years to get it to where Pete feels it should be, but if we start now, we should see some change by next June.

Commissioner Westlund stated it needs to be done.

Commissioner Hutchison stated we need to start cutting it that way and to bid out the equipment needed.

#### **UTILITY EFFICIENCY STUDY UPDATE**

Mr. Randall Bohlman addressed the Board on his results of a utility efficiency study done on Park District facilities.

His main suggestion was ECM or Energy and Control Measures which are suggestions to control energy use.

He has several ideas on how to conserve energy in our facilities, which would involve changes at the cost of \$490,000.00, but would save utility costs by 30%.

He will have his final report soon with his suggestions for changes.

#### **PALMER VISIT**

**(THIS ITEM WAS TAKEN OUT OF AGENDA ORDER)**

Mr. Palmer will be on King's Walk Golf Course at 1 p.m., Wednesday, September 3.

A press release will go out on Wednesday, August 6, and the Board was asked to review the release and offer changes/suggestions.

If the weather does not cooperate, it was suggested Mr. Palmer's visit be moved either to South Middle School or the King's Walk Clubhouse. The Commissioners preferred the clubhouse.

Mr. Palmer's visit will be open to the public, and no special invitations will be extended.

## **BOND FUND STATUS**

The current status of the construction fund on King's Walk Course and clubhouse dictates the fund will have to start being fed about 14 years down the road. The clubhouse will fall short in 2014, and it was suggested the clubhouse sponsor money and hole sponsor money could be used to feed that fund.

Options were discussed.

## **C & B BUDGET**

John briefly reviewed the projects or 2008 & 2009. Ways were discussed on how to pay for the projects, which included special assessing.

The Commissioners agreed a special meeting needs to take place to "hash" out all the C & B projects and/or needs/wants, and the operations budget for 2009.

## **2009 OPERATIONS BUDGET**

John stated the Board will meet mid-August for a more detailed discussion on this budget and C & B.

The budget contains 3% increases where it looks like it's needed. There are no new programs and no cutting of any current services.

Commissioner Hutchison stated we should look at things we can control.

## **FITNESS CENTER SPONSOR NAMING POLICY**

Cam Tweten addressed the Board. His committee is raising money for the new, proposed Wellness Center. Their goal is to raise a minimum of 15 million toward the 23 to 27 million needed.

The Committee is thinking of naming rights as part of their fund raising and asked the Board for guidance on the naming rights policy. The question is at what level of giving does naming rights apply? Cam's committee feels a large donation, i.e. one million should qualify for naming rights.

The Board generally felt the committee's guidelines are good and have no problem with them.

## **FOR ACTION**

### **RYAN LAKE PROJECT**

This project is to make the lake deeper so that it will hold fish all summer and maybe all winter. Right now it is too shallow and weeds and cattails are a problem.

The project cost is \$77,000.00 and John would like to bid it out, without any commitment.

The lake is used for the Park District's Hooked on Fishing event each spring.

Most of the cost could be paid for by grants, and the cost to the Park District could be only \$15,000.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to bid the project. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

### **PARK EQUIPMENT BID**

The equipment is a toolcat utility work machine at a cost of \$40,198.00, which includes loader bucket and sweeper broom. This is a multi-function piece of equipment is manufactured by Bobcat.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to purchase the utility work machine at a cost of \$40,198.00. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

### **PRAIRIE ROSE STATE GAMES CONTRACT**

Bill Palmiscno reported the 2009 Prairie Rose State Games, held in Grand Forks, will not have opening ceremonies. There will be a Saturday night party instead.

The Committee will evaluate whether to continue the Prairie Rose State Games after 2009.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the contract. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

All reports were accepted as presented.

### **BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR JULY**

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the bills for July in the amount of \$544,545.75. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

## **SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS**

All reports were accepted as presented.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported 1200 hotdogs and 1400 ice cream cups were served at Family Fun Night.

The Elks pool is struggling, as it has not been a warm summer.

The lightening strike damage done at Kraft Field could cost up to \$45,000.00 to repair. Our insurance has a \$2500.00 deductible.

Center Court Fitness Club reports a to date membership at 1432.

Superintendent Mullally reported to date rounds played at Lincoln at 10,310 and at King's Walk at 15,238.

Forestry reported 1528 street trees pruned in July and a total to date of 177 diseased elms removed this season.

## **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Commissioner Westlund reported he felt the King's Walk address should be One Arnold Palmer Drive. John stated he would work with the proper authorities to see about making that drive named Arnold Palmer Drive.

Commissioner Bollman inquired about the concessionaire due to set up in Lincoln Drive Park. It was reported it will happen, but coming along slowly.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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John Staley, Clerk

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Bill Hutchison, President

