

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 15, 2006**

**AGENDA**

**ROLL CALL**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their mid-month meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2006, at noon, in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Bollman, LaDouceur, Hutchison, Panzer and Jeske.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**2007 BUDGET**

John Staley briefed the Commissioners on the highlights of the 2007 budget. No decisions have been made yet, but it needs to be finalized by mid-September, and the staff is working toward a cut of 1.05 mils.

Things to take into consideration include:

The third dike assessment is expected in 2007, payable for 2008.

Utilities are up a great deal: Purpur/Gambucci and the Apollo complex are up \$14,000.00. Overall, utilities are up \$101,000.00 to \$155,000.00 over last year.

The end of 2006 will see only a \$10,000.00 balance in the interim fund, and John is not comfortable with that.

Greenway things will come on line in 2007 i.e. Riverside Park, and the trailhead at Kannowski Park.

Forestry is trimming labor costs; Recreation income is 50% fee based; King's Walk has a goal to turn over its equipment every 10 years, and would like to stay on that rotation, otherwise it doubles up in succeeding years. That means a \$65,000.00 cost for equipment replacement in 2007.

Capital and Betterment are the important projects within the park system. Some of the projects that are being considered are computer update and the parking lot at Southern Estates. Special assessments also affects capital and betterment, and often times we don't get all the information on special assessments until September.

However, once the Capital and Betterment projects are set, none of them move forward until January.

The computer update would cost \$121,000.00, but broken up into segments, the cost could go to \$137,000.00. The update could be financed over a period of three to five years with a payment of \$23,000.00 to \$40,000.00.

Commissioner Hutchison stated we can look at this again. On-line registration will not happen until the fall of 2007.

### **CENTER COURT FITNESS CLUB RATES**

Cam Tweten addressed the Commissioners with a review of the fee structure at Center Court to take effect in the fall of 2006.

Cam and his staff are recommending eliminating the 24-month membership option. Instead, offer a 12-month membership at \$39.00 per month and offer a three-month membership at \$46.00 per month.

He and staff are also recommending an individual membership increase of \$1.00 a month and a couple/family membership increase of \$2.00 a month.

These increases are needed to offset consistent rising costs, help enhance total membership, generate revenue, and help meet budgetary goals.

Commissioner Panzer stated he liked the options presented, and made a motion for Cam to proceed with the fee structure. Seconded by Commissioner Jeske; motion carried.

John reminded the Commissioners that IBIS will be in Grand Forks on September 13 to have roundtable discussion on the study for Center Court Fitness Club.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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John Staley, Clerk

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Jim Bollman, President