

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
AUGUST 4, 2009**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2009, in the Park District Board meeting room, at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Panzer, Bollman, LaDouceur and Westlund.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JULY 14, 2009

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2009, meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

None.

PUBLIC HEARING ON CHANGING THE NAME OF MIDTOWN PARK

Katie Osborne of Urban Development, a letter of support from Eliot Glassheim, and the Near North Neighborhood all showed signs of support to the Board for renaming Midtown Park Smiley Park. A contest with school children came up with the suggested new name last spring. It was felt giving the children in that neighborhood a chance to have a part of the process of renaming the park would give them a sense of pride for the park.

Commissioners Hutchison and Panzer voiced concern the naming process did not follow the guidelines the Park District uses in naming parks. They felt we should not deviate from that process and those guidelines.

It was suggested the playground be named Smiley playground, but the park named something more in line with the guidelines used for naming parks.

A second reading of the name change will occur at the September 1, 2009, board meeting.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

2010 DRAFT OF OPERATIONS BUDGET

John Staley presented a draft of the 2010 operations budget to the Board. He stated it is anticipated there will be a 3.1% increase in tax revenue and a 2% growth expected in expenses.

Commissioner Westlund requested a line item be added to the budget for the proposed wellness center. He also felt a separate working session was needed for the budget.

It was proposed a separate working session on the 2010 budget be set up after the September Board meeting.

2010 DRAFT OF C & B BUDGET

John Staley briefly reviewed the proposed C & B projects for 2010, inviting input from the Commissioners.

PROPOSAL TO UPDATE FITNESS CENTER BUSINESS PLAN

John Staley presented the update from Alter+Care to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Westlund expressed he would like to see another proposal besides Alter+Care. He also wants to know where we are with fundraising and doesn't want to move forward or sign off on anything until we've got something pledged.

FITNESS CENTER ARCHITECT CONTRACT

The rate for EAPC to go forward with this project is one-half percent, or \$100,000.00.

Commissioners were not willing to commit to that fee until the time comes to make the decision to build or not. They would like to see an hourly rate paid for work done by the architect until the project is a definite go.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to approve EAPC+OLC as the architects for the project, as recommended by the committee. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

PROPOSAL FOR REFINANCING CURRENT NOTES

Mr. Myron Knudson of PFM addressed the commissioners stating refinancing these notes, without extending the maturity date, will net a savings of \$44,000.00 in interest.

The Board gave Mr. Knudson permission to go ahead with the refinancing, returning for the September 1, 2009, board meeting with the results.

FOR ACTION

CLUBHOUSE BOND SALE

Mr. Myron Knudson of PFM again addressed the Commissioners with the results of the sale.

The first bond, at \$485,000.00, was sold at an interest rate of 3.38%, compared to the current rate of 5.10%. This results in an interest savings of \$54,100.00; with the maturity date the same.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the sale of the bond of \$485,000.000. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

The second bond, at \$515,000.00, was sold at an interest rate of 4.82%, compared to the current rate of 7.20%, resulting in an interest savings of \$80,000.00; with the maturity date the same.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the sale of the bond of \$515,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

KING'S WALK CONCESSIONAIRE CONTRACT

This item was discussed at the July meeting.

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

Mr. Waind will also consider doing the Lincoln Park Golf Course concession beginning 2010.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR JULY

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the bills for July in the amounts of \$610,724.42 for the Park District and \$2,691.71 for the Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner LaDouceur; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

Superintendent Mullally reported no alcohol permits be issued for the Frolf Disc Golf Tournament on August 14, 15 & 16, as per police request.

He also reported both golf courses are in excellent shape, with 9,560 year-to-date rounds at Lincoln Golf Course, and 14,644 at King's Walk.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported a planned opening of Riverside Pool for August 10.

Forestry reported 752 street trees pruned in July, and inspection of Emerald Ash Bore traps resulted in negative activity.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Panzer inquired about the rehab of Ryan's Lake and when the new bike path will be completed.

A mid-month meeting is scheduled for August 18.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John Staley, Clerk

Bill Hutchison, President