

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 1, 2009**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Hutchison, Panzer, Bollman and Westlund. Commissioner LaDouceur was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 4 & 18, 2009

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to approve the minutes from the August 4 & 18, 2009, Board meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

None.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

FITNESS CENTER SITE SELECTION

John Staley briefed the Commissioners on the two sites for the new, proposed wellness center:

1. Land south of Super Target in Kiwanis Park – this land is already owned by the Park District through the 8% land dedication, but Greenberg/Useldinger is offering 15 additional acres for the center at a value of two million dollars.
2. A site on South Washington Street in the Homestead Grove addition, a donation by Crary of 40 acres valued at three to five million dollars.

Commissioner Bollman stated it is a win-win situation with two ways to go.

The Board will try to pick a site in October and may have a public input session as well.

Residents of the Rummele Road area behind Super Target were present to express their concerns about the amount of traffic this wellness center may place on Rummele Road. John

Staley assured them the site would be south of the drain way. The residents were relieved to hear it would be south of Rummele Road for the sake of traffic.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REPORT

Bob Gillen presented the 2009 season baseball/softball report to the Commissioners. He made these points:

1. There were 1159 participants for the 2009 season, down 104 from 2008
2. Parents night is a challenge
3. The Bantam level saw changes this year in that the players came to Apollo and there was a draft
4. Kevin Ronkowski and Darryl Marek are excellent program leaders in baseball and softball respectively
5. Practices attendance was low
6. Kids who don't get to their games on time do create problems
7. Looking at going with sponsorships for jerseys instead of medals in future seasons
8. The softball program is adding 15 year olds to the Ponytail level
9. Looking to add one more week to the season

Overall, Bob stated it was a good summer and a good season for ball.

REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP OF SPRINGFEST 2010

Rhombus Guys is again requesting the sponsorship for Springfest for 2010.

Matt Winjem, part owner, addressed the Commissioners with his request. Superintendent Mullally stated he supports them for sponsorship. Commissioner Bollman stated he appreciates the fact Rhombus Guys are willing to continue to sponsor and there is no plan to deny their request.

FOR ACTION

RENAMING MIDTOWN PARK

This is the second reading of the item to rename Midtown Park.

Councilman Eliot Glassheim was present and stated he appreciated all the work done on the park by the Park District, but is confused about how the Park District names parks. It is just a small neighborhood park.

It was named Midtown Park in 1978 with a contest.

Commissioner Bollman stated he would be willing to go along with naming the playground "Smiley Playground" and leave the park name as it is: Midtown Park.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bollman to name the playground "Smiley Playground," and leave the name of the park at Midtown. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

A sign will go up to read "Smiley Playground."

PRELIMINARY 2010 BUDGET

Commissioner Westlund began discussion on 2010 cost of living increases. It is proposed in the 2010 budget for a 1.75% increase, with 1% going to cost of living increase and .75% going to get employees to 85% of market value in their positions.

Commissioner Panzer stated Galen Cariveau is OK with that.

Commissioner Westlund stated the Park District needs to stay on the path of getting positions to market value and having employees' raises set by January 1.

John Staley stated the staff is going to meet with Mr. Cariveau, and John would like to see the Board meet with him also.

Commissioners Hutchison and Westlund both inquired about the medical insurance rate increase. John stated it is at 8%.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to approve the 2010 preliminary budget. Seconded by Commissioner Panzer; motion carried.

REFINANCING CURRENT NOTES

These current notes were issued to make improvements at various facilities. The best method for refinancing these notes is to have the Parks and Recreation Foundation issue the bonds on behalf of the Park District. It is recommended the Board adopt the resolution authorizing the Foundation to issue bonds on behalf of the Park District to provide permanent financing for the improvements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the resolution to authorize the Foundation to issue bonds on behalf of the G F Park District, pending approval by the Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

GOLF COURSE EQUIPMENT BID

Dave Clark bid out a core processor, trading in the old one. The trade-in value is \$350.00, and the low bid was from Minnesota Toro (MTI) in the amount of \$21,043.85, which includes the trade-in.

Discussion followed:

Commissioner Westlund suggested the equipment be paid for out of C & B. He is for purchasing the piece of equipment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Westlund to purchase the equipment from MTI and decide at the end of the year how to pay for it. Seconded by Commissioner Bollman; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR AUGUST

A motion was made by Commissioner Panzer to approve the bills for August in the amount of \$370,249.45 for the Park District and \$40,466.20 for the Foundation. Seconded by Commissioner Westlund; motion carried.

Commissioner Panzer wanted it noted the Oshie Golf Tournament did give back to the Foundation and the Blue Line Clubs of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

Superintendent Mullally reported the disc golf tournament hasn't yet reported a profit.

Ali's Playground was turned over to the Park District in a small ceremony.

Lion's bike path will be completed by October 1.

He is still working with PERS on converting to their retirement program.

Superintendent Palmiscno reported the pools report will be available next month. Daily use average was very close between the two pools.

The arenas are getting ready to open.

Loss from the Prairie Rose games was close to \$20,000.00.

Cam Tweten reported there will be an open house at Center Court Fitness Club from September 14 through the 20th. He has heard a lot of positive feedback regarding the partnering with the Y Family Center.

Forestry reported 604 street trees pruned and 76 request calls answered.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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