

**PARK DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 26, 2018**

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the Grand Forks Park District met on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. The meeting took place at King's Walk Golf Course, 5301 South Columbia Road, Grand Forks, ND in the Banquet Room with Vice President LaDouceur presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present were Vice President LaDouceur and Commissioner Skarperud.

Park District staff in attendance were: Executive Director Palmiscno, Superintendent of Finance Hellyer, Head Golf Professional Tannahill, Golf Course Superintendent Clark, Accounting Manager Lancaster, and Office Assistant Parker.

FOR DISCUSSION

Private Golf Carts at King's Walk Golf Course

Vice President LaDouceur brought to the committee's attention an email he had received from a current King's Walk Golf Course member, a neighborhood resident. The email was concerning allowing private golf carts to be driven to King's Walk Golf Course from the adjoining neighborhoods.

The committee reviewed the April 17, 2017 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting minutes on this topic. It was noted that in current City code golf carts, that are not street legal, are not allowed on sidewalks, bike paths, or city streets. The committee decided at the April 17, 2017 meeting to have the developers of the surrounding subdivisions pursue a variance to the city ordinance to allow golf carts on sidewalks, bike paths, or city streets before any action is taken on this issue.

The committee reviewed Tannahill's Private Golf Cart Proposal. A discussion also took place on who would be responsible for the cost of the east side access path, if a variance is received, the developer or the Park District.

Vice President LaDouceur would like to allow residents on the adjoining west side of the golf course to access the golf course with their private carts. He voiced it would be the cart owner's responsibility to get the carts to the course appropriately without the use of a trailer. He stated he did not feel it is appropriate for the adjoining west side residents to have to wait for the developer to pursue a variance from the City on the east side.

Commissioner Skarperud stated he did not feel it is appropriate to create a policy for a couple of residents. However, if the developer for the east side neighborhood is willing to provide an access path on the easement, he would then reconsider allowing private carts on the course, due to the potential of additional members and revenue.

After a long discussion, a consensus was not reached. The committee decided to put private golf carts at King's Walk Golf Course on the agenda for the next Grand Forks Park District Board meeting.

Trail Fees at Lincoln Golf Course

Head Golf Professional Tannahill brought forward a complaint concerning the cost of trail fees for private carts at Lincoln Golf Course. Currently the fee is \$6.00 per person or \$300.00 per year for the cart. Tannahill noted that there had been some inconsistencies in the fees charged by the staff during the previous season. After some discussion, it was decided that the fee was not an excessive amount and will remain the same. Tannahill will train the clubhouse staff to charge the appropriate amount.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.


Bill Palmiscno, Executive Director and Clerk