

**PARK DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2016**

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the Grand Forks Park District met on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting took place at King's Walk Golf Course Clubhouse banquet room, 5301 South Columbia Road, Grand Forks, ND.

ROLL CALL

Present were Vice - President LaDouceur and Commissioner Skarperud.

Park District staff in attendance were: Executive Director Palmiscno, Superintendent of Finance Hellyer, General Manager of Choice Health & Fitness Orr, Head Golf Professional Tannahill, Golf Course Superintendent Clark, Accounting Manager Lancaster, and Receptionist Pantalion.

Also in attendance were the owner of Eagles Crest, Waind, and Principal of Kelly Elementary, Lamoine.

FOR DISCUSSION

Open Skate at Indoor Ice Facilities

Executive Director Palmiscno presented a schedule of open ice time to the Committee for after early school dismissal days. Discussion followed on adding rinks, staffing, and skating equipment requirements.

Choice Health & Fitness Membership Rates

General Manager of Choice Health & Fitness Orr is recommending increasing membership rates on average 4% in January 2017. Altru Family YMCA is recommending the same increase. Both facilities would have the same rates due to our partnership. Orr presented the proposed rates. Choice Health & Fitness has not increased membership rates since opening in 2012. Members would be notified of the increase in November 2016.

King's Walk Golf Course Rates

Head Golf Professional Tannahill is recommending to increase various rates at King's Walk Golf Course for 2017. Tannahill presented the proposed rates. The last rate increase occurred for the 2015 season. Lincoln Golf Course rates will remain the same as 2016.

New Golf Carts at King's Walk

Superintendent of Finance Hellyer informed the Committee that the carts at King's Walk Golf Course have been in service for 5 years. The potential plan would be to purchase 65 new carts for King's Walk Golf Course for the 2017 season. The best 24 carts currently at King's Walk would be moved to Lincoln Golf Course. The remaining King's Walk carts and current Lincoln carts would be traded in. Discussion followed on possibly waiting an additional year or two. Staff was directed to receive bids for various make and models of golf carts and report the bids to the Board for 2017.

New Ball Dispenser and Relocate at King's Walk

Tannahill presented a quote for purchasing a new ball dispenser to be located by the driving range at King's Walk Golf Course. This would be more convenient for customers to purchase range balls. In addition to the cost of the machine and software, a shed to house the machine would be constructed and power and internet would have to be connected. Tannahill will gather additional information and bring back to the Board.

Other Business

Palmiscno reported that Lincoln Golf Course continues to have drainage issues on various holes. A discussion took place with a possible solution of adding gravel cart paths in certain areas.

Owner of Eagles Crest Waind reported on beverage cart service and general operations of the restaurant.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



Bill Palmiscno, Executive Director and Clerk