

**PARK DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
OCTOBER 6, 2016**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at the ICON Sports Center, in the Blue Line Club board room, 1060 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were President Panzer, Commissioners Barta and Skarperud. Vice-President LaDouceur and Commissioner Soeby were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

Commissioner Barta made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2016 Board Meeting. Commissioner Skarperud seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Vice-President LaDouceur and Commissioner Soeby were absent.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

None.

**DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**2016 Property Tax Levy**

President Panzer opened the public hearing. No one from the public was present to comment at the public hearing.

Commissioner Skarperud made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Barta seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Vice-President LaDouceur and Commissioner Soeby were absent.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

None.

**FOR ACTION**

**Final 2017 Budget**

Superintendent of Finance Hellyer presented the Board with the final 2017 budget. The final budget includes a mill levy of 40.40 mills which is the same mills as 2016. The final budget that is being considered has a revaluation tax increase of \$453,509, due to revaluation of property values, which is a 5.79% increase. This amount excludes new growth. The new growth amount helps support the new parks and areas of the City that are coming online. The revaluation amount helps support inflation expense increases, reductions in state aid, new requests of the community, and buildup of reserves if needed. Each 1% increase is worth approximately \$78,300 in tax revenue. Using the current 2017 final budget, for a home valued at \$200,000 in Grand Forks, their Park District taxes would increase approximately \$18.53 per year.

Commissioner Barta made a motion to approve the final 2017 budget and Resolution of Annual Appropriations and Tax Levy for 2016, Ordinance 179. Commissioner Skarperud seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Vice-President LaDouceur and Commissioner Soeby were absent.

**Assignment of Curling Club Lease**

The Grand Forks Curling Club is taking out a loan from First State Bank for the construction of their new building. First State Bank is requiring a Leasehold Mortgage and Security Agreement. The Park District's involvement in this agreement with the Grand Forks Curling Club and First State Bank is limited to assigning the Ground Lease agreement from the Curling Club to First State if the Curling Club is unable to make their mortgage payments.

Commissioner Skarperud made a motion to approve the Leasehold Mortgage and Security Agreement with the Grand Forks Curling Club and First State Bank. Commissioner Barta seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Vice-President LaDouceur and Commissioner Soeby were absent.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Hellyer reviewed the August 2016 financial reports. Vendor payments for August 2016 were \$788,953.06.

Commissioner Skarperud made a motion to approve the financial report for August 2016. Commissioner Barta seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Vice-President LaDouceur and Commissioner Soeby absent.

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

Hellyer reported he will bring pop numbers to the next board meeting.

Choice Health & Fitness General Manager Orr reported that all the Wild Hog marathon weekend events went very well. Parking appeared to be acceptable for their events, Choice Health & Fitness members, and a tournament at ICON Sports Center.

Executive Director Palmiscno reported an internal staff meeting was scheduled to talk about possible involvement with Ray Richards Golf Course. However, prior to the meeting, Palmiscno was notified by UND that the UND President decided to close Ray Richards and the property will not continue as a golf course.

#### **BOARD MEMEBERS' REPORT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Barta made a motion at 6:15 p.m. to adjourn. Commissioner Skarperud seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Vice-President LaDouceur and Commissioner Soeby were absent.

  
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Jay Panzer, President

  
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Bill Palmiscno, Executive Director and Clerk