

**PARK DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 18, 2013**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for a special meeting on Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. in the Park District Board meeting room. Present were Commissioners Barta, LaDouceur, Skarperud, Soeby. Commissioner Panzer was not present.

MASON PARKING LOT BIDS

Superintendent Bill Palmiscno presented the Board with the bid tabulation sheet for the Masonic Park parking lot project. Recommendation is for the low bid of \$154,371 from Adelman Concrete & Excavating, Inc. pending a check of references since we have never done business with them before.

A motion was made by Commissioner Skarperud to accept the bid from Adelman Concrete & Excavating, pending the reference checks, for the Mason Park parking lot project as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Barta; motion carried.

CHOICE HEALTH & FITNESS SPRAY PARK

Superintendent Bill Palmiscno provided the Board with the revised bid from ICS in the amount of \$249,575 for the Choice Health & Fitness spray park. The spray park has a sports theme design and is geared more towards the younger children.

A motion was made by Commissioner Soeby to accept the bid from ICS for \$249,575 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Skarperud; motion carried.

SUCCESSION PLAN

Commissioner LaDouceur stated that they would take into action a retirement agreement drawn up between the Grand Forks Park District and Director John Staley. Director John Staley has already preapproved and signed the retirement agreement which will take affect at the conclusion of today's Special Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barta to accept John Staley's Retirement Agreement as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Soeby; motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Soeby to name Superintendent Bill Palmiscno as the new Executive Director of the Grand Forks Park District. Seconded by Commissioner Barta; motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Skarperud to name the newly appointed Director Bill Palmiscno as Board Clerk for the Grand Forks Board of Park Commissioners. Seconded by Commissioner Barta; motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barta to remove John Staley from all Park District bank accounts. Seconded by Commissioner Soeby; motion carried.

Commissioner Skarperud stated that he has served on the Board for three years and he appreciates all that John has done for the Park District.

Commissioner Soeby stated that she has worked with John for more than her three years on the Board and she appreciates the vision that John has provided. She said John has been fabulous to work with and wishes him all the luck in the world and in all his future plans.

Commissioner Barta stated that as the newest Board member he would like to thank John for all his help transitioning and getting him up to speed. Barta said that it has been great working with John.

Commissioner LaDouceur stated that he has served on the Board for ten and a half great years and thanked John for everything he has done for the Park District. LaDouceur also wished John good luck and stated that the Park District would not be where it is today without him.

John Staley thanked everyone for their support and faith in him since he was hired in '74. He named past Board members that he had worked with throughout the years. John stated that he appreciates all his years with the Park District and that the staff has been fabulous and it is their customer service and efficiency that makes this a great organization. He also added that this is a great community to work in.

Commissioner Soeby stated that the Board has been working with John Staley since early last fall on a succession plan and everything has gone smoothly, has been well planned, and very insightful. Soeby added that this kind of planning is very much appreciated – it makes their job easier.

Attorney Dick Olson added that prior to today's meeting, John Staley had already preapproved and pre-signed the retirement agreement. Olson added that he has worked with John on many things and it has been a pleasure.

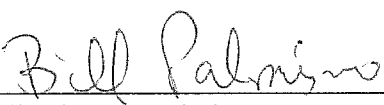
Commissioner LaDouceur stated that, for the purpose of the minutes, it is noted that Staley approved and signed the retirement agreement prior to its approval.

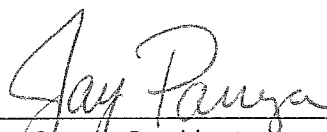
John Staley thanked Dick Olson, Park District Attorney, for his clever and sound legal advice throughout the years. Staley stated that Galen Cariveau and Mike Korman have also been great to work with.

Forestry Operations Manager Mike Fugazzi said that John hired him 34 years ago, when John was still Superintendent of Forestry and City Forester. Fugazzi stated that the reason we have the program we have today, is because of John Staley – he is the one that laid the framework and built the foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Soeby to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Skarperud at 8:20 a.m.; motion carried.


Bill Palmiscno, Clerk


Jay Panzer, President