

**PARK DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 4, 2013**

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, in the Park District Board meeting room at 5:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Barta, LaDouceur, Panzer, Skarperud (arrived at 5:04 p.m.), and Soeby.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 7, 2013

A motion was made by Commissioner Soeby to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2013 Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Barta; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

None.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR DISCUSSION

NAMING RIGHTS PROPOSAL – PROPOSED ICE ARENA

Mike Kuntz from ICON Architectural was present to announce their interest in donating \$1,000,000 in support of the new ice rink complex. This would be a joint gift with the Grand Forks Blue Line Club who has agreed to also commit \$1,000,000 to be applied to the building and construction of the new ice rink complex. As a condition to this joint gift, the Blue Line Club and ICON agree, ICON will in-turn receive the naming rights for the complex. Pending final discussion, facility name considered at this time is: "ICON Sports Center". Final details shall be negotiated within contract agreement between parties.

Mike Kuntz pointed out a few of the reasons why ICON has decided to support this project: Because of the dedication and motivation of the members of the Ice Arena Campaign Executive Cabinet that meets every other Friday, the success of the public fundraising that has taken place, the direction the Board is moving in the community, and the huge success of Choice Health & Fitness. Kuntz and his partners also appreciate the Blue Line Club and the great things they do for the community.

Commissioner Panzer thanked both ICON and the Blue Line Club for all they are doing for the kids of the area.

UPDATE ON SUMMER PROJECTS

Superintendent Palmiscno updated the Board on the 2013 Spring/Summer C&B projects:

- Eagles Arena floorboard improvement project has a completion date of July 15th set.
- Choice Health & Fitness playground is scheduled to be installed the end of this week or beginning of next, depending on the conditions from the rain.
- Masonic Park playground is scheduled to be installed by the end of June. The Masons are purchasing this equipment.
- Kiwanis Park sidewalks are on hold until we meet with the City.
- Lions Park shelter is being installed by the Lions Club. Should receive quote for soccer field irrigation from Opp by May 24th. Sunflake Soccer funds are being used for the Lions irrigation.

- Office and back fence painting is to be done by Pace Painting.
- King's Walk Patio has yet to be decided.
- Choice Health & Fitness outdoor tennis courts are ready to bid. Superintendent Tweten stated that a square of six courts are to be installed to look just like the indoor courts. No lights are to be installed at this time.
- Ice Arena and Baseball Softball projects are still ongoing.

FOR ACTION

LINCOLN CART PATH

Superintendent Palmiscno presented the Board with the bid tabulation sheet from the quotes for the Lincoln cart path. Zavoral & Sons, Inc. was the low quote at \$44,331. Completion date is set for July 15th.

Superintendent Hellyer went over the C&B project list status update with a potential total of \$951,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to accept the bid from Zavoral & Sons, Inc. for the Lincoln cart path as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Soeby; motion carried.

CHOICE HEALTH & FITNESS SPRAY PARK

Superintendent Palmiscno stated that because it is such a small job, the only bid received for the Choice Health & Fitness spray park was from ICS. The bid was higher than expected and so his recommendation for the Board is to wait on their decision until after he has a chance to look it over and meet with ICS on the project.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to table the Choice Health & Fitness spray park bids for now. Seconded by Commissioner Barta; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

A transfer of approximately \$50,000 will be done from General Fund to Lincoln Golf Course to pay for the Lincoln cart path.

All reports were accepted as presented.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR MAY 2013

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur, to approve the bills for May in the amount of \$958,212.37 for the Park District. Seconded by Commissioner Skarperud; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

All reports were accepted as presented.

Superintendent Bill Palmiscno provided the Board with an overview of the recreation schedule, along with an update of the Park Maintenance department. Summer programs have started and Riverside pool is scheduled to open tomorrow, Wednesday, June 5th. Parks crew has been trying to keep up with mowing even with all the rain, along with setting up for special events. The crew has also started to remove outdoor hockey boards.

Superintendent Cam Tweten provided the Board with a programming schedule for the summer. Memberships are still holding strong. Summer activities are in full swing. A lifeguard training program is being offered. Tweten added that the first art class which was a youth photography class was small but very successful. May is looking good which he contributes to the early marketing.

King's Walk Golf report showed 4,984 rounds of golf sold through May of this year. It also showed 362 memberships sold to date. Lincoln Golf report showed 2,414 rounds of golf sold in May.

Forestry reported 95 request calls answered, along with 217 trees pruned, and 14 non DED trees removed, 4 stumps removed, and 490 trees planted. Forestry crew participated in the State Emerald Ash Borer Awareness Week activities and set up 20 Emerald Ash Borer traps with the North Dakota Department of Agriculture.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Barta stated that interviews are scheduled for this Thursday and Friday on the Strategic Planner Selection. Commissioner Soeby and Director Staley are also involved in the interviewing process.

Commissioner Soeby stated that she is writing a grant. The State Health Department will supply funds for a non-smoking survey. Roadmaps to Health prize is only \$25,000, but would be very prestigious to receive. Four areas highlighted are Choice Health & Fitness, healthy options in restaurants, healthier concession stands, and the children's gardens. Soeby pointed out that Styrofoam cups should be replaced with paper both at the Park District and Choice Health & Fitness. She stated that she will talk with Sprouts Café because this was part of their agreement. Soeby also mentioned that the NRPA Conference is being held in Houston this year on October 8, 9, and 10. If four people register and pay, the fifth one is free if registered by August 8th.

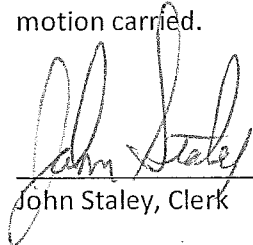
Commissioner LaDouceur asked if the July Board meeting should be switched to Tuesday, July 9th because of the 4th of July holiday. A discussion took place and it will be held at its usual time on July 2nd unless otherwise notified.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Skarperud at 5:50 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Barta; motion carried.



John Staley, Clerk



Jay Panzer, President