

**PARK DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 11, 2023**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for a Special Board meeting, a joint meeting with the City of Grand Forks Council Members, on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Grand Forks City Hall Council Chambers, 255 North 4th Street, at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Bochenski and Commissioner Kraft presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present representing the City of Grand Forks were Mayor Bochenski, President Sande, Council Members Osowski, Vein, Weber, and Weigel (arrived at 5:20 p.m.). Council Members Kvamme and Lunski (arrived after meeting started) attended via Zoom.

Present representing the Grand Forks Park District were Vice-President LaDouceur, Commissioners Bartholomew, Kraft, and McIntyre. President Skarperud attended by phone.

Park District staff in attendance were: Executive Director Hellyer, Director of Finance & Administration Lancaster, Director of Operations & Community Relations Nelson, Director of Facilities & Programs Orr, Facilities Manager Colborn, Fitness Manager Langei, Sports & Recreation Manager Rollefstad, and Project Administrator Swenberger.

FOR DISCUSSION

Feasibility Study Project Update - Indoor Sports Facility and Indoor Aquatic Facility

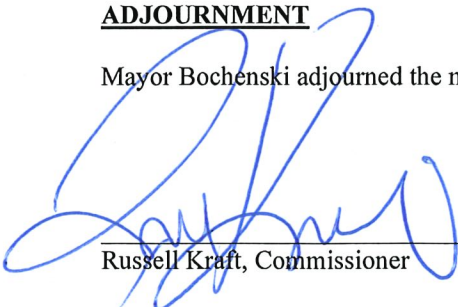
Executive Director Hellyer provided a brief overview of the project and introduced the consultant team. Pat O'Toole from BerryDunn, Zach Bisek from BRS Architects, and Steve Crocker from Water Technology Inc. were present via Zoom to provide an overview of the consultation process so far. O'Toole provided a summary of the data collection and analysis for the feasibility study; he also highlighted key data points and results pertinent to the project. Bisek presented preferred location options and conceptual designs for both facilities along with two options for the indoor sports facility, one with a golf simulator vendor and one without. Estimated capital costs were presented for the preferred locations. Next steps for the feasibility study are to complete an operations and maintenance budget. A final report is expected in March 2023.

Maureen Storstad, Finance Director for the City of Grand Forks, provided funding scenario analysis, including a 30-year extension of the 0.75% sales tax for the Alerus Center. Discussion took place on funding options, fundraising needs, and community support. Discussion took place over the potential economic impact of the two facilities and comparison with similar facilities in the region. Council Member Weber stated that the indoor aquatic facility is needed for public safety to teach swimming lessons to children. President Sande expressed concern over the cost and operations of both facilities but was in favor of pursuing the projects. Todd Feland, Grand Forks City Administrator, mentioned the possible need to resize the facilities, other possible City of Grand Forks funding sources, and re-evaluating the contingency amounts.

The next Joint Board Meeting is planned for March 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Bochenski adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.



Russell Kraft, Commissioner



George Hellyer, Executive Director and Clerk