

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

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, in the Choice Health & Fitness community room, 4401 South 11<sup>th</sup> Street, at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present Commissioners Barta, Skarperud, and Soeby. President Panzer and Vice-President LaDouceur absent. Commissioner Skarperud proceeded over the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 9, 2016**

Commissioner Soeby made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2016 Board Meeting. Commissioner Barta seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. President Panzer and Vice-President LaDouceur absent.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

None.

**DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

Lisa Carney was present and brought up a recent incident that happened at the dog park. Executive Director Palmiscno has addressed the concern and will put up new signage for the small dog area at the dog park.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**NDRPA Golden Egg Award- ICON Sports Center**

Executive Director Palmiscno informed the Board that the Grand Forks Park District nominated ICON Sports Center for the North Dakota Recreation & Park Association Golden Egg Award. The Golden Egg Award is presented to the entity that manages an innovative park or facility that serves as a model facility or park in its inclusiveness and responsiveness to the needs of the local community or region. The award will promote uniqueness, innovation, creativity, and display a high degree of design quality for recreation usage. ICON Sports Center was selected as a Golden Egg Award winner for 2016. Prior winners from Grand Forks includes: Choice Health & Fitness in 2013, King's Walk Golf Course in 2001, and Red River Valley Gymnastics in 1995.

**FOR ACTION**

**2017 Preliminary Budget**

Superintendent of Finance Hellyer presented the Board with the preliminary 2017 budget. The preliminary budget includes a mill levy of 40.40 mills which is the same mills as 2016. The preliminary 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 preliminary 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 2017 preliminary budget. Commissioner Soeby seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. President Panzer and Vice-President LaDouceur absent.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Hellyer reviewed the July 2016 financial reports. Vendor payments for July 2016 were \$841,324.71.

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

## STAFF REPORTS

Hellyer reported the October Board Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 6, 2016 at the ICON Sports Center in the Blue Line Club board room. Hellyer also reported Mike Fugazzi with the Forestry Department at the Park District will be receiving the "Distinguished Service Award" on September 10 in Fargo.

Choice Health & Fitness General Manager Orr reported fall programs at Choice Health & Fitness have started for the year. Orr also reported Choice Health & Fitness will be hosting the Wild Hog's Marathon. The event starts September 23. Orr reported Jenelle Swenberger has been hired for the full-time Customer Service & Information Coordinator at Choice Health & Fitness.

Public Relations and Marketing Manager Nelson reported on upcoming events at King's Walk Golf Course including golf the fall for free if you pay the first portion of your 2017 membership. Nelson also reported that staff is putting together marketing materials for the upcoming events for the 2016 fall and winter activities.


Palmiscno reported that fall Sunflake Soccer for pre-school to second grade starts September 6. Palmiscno also reported the construction of the parking lot at Lincoln Golf Course will start shortly and in a few weeks the construction at the Ulland Complex will start. Palmiscno also reported the Judd ice rink at ICON Sports Center will reopen September 11 for the season. The outdoor condenser fans at ICON Sports Center were tested and compliant with the City noise ordinance. Palmiscno stated staff would continue to look into further alternatives to keep the noise down for the people neighboring the ICON Sports Center.

## BOARD MEMEBERS' REPORT

Commissioner Soeby suggested allowing dogs to swim in the pool on the last day of operation. Soeby also inquired on donating old golf carts to the Farmers Market downtown. This would allow easier access for the disabled and elderly to get to Town Square. Golf cart options will be discussed when they are bid in the beginning of the year.

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Barta made a motion at 5:30 p.m. to adjourn. Commissioner Soeby seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. President Panzer and Vice-President LaDouceur absent.

  
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Jay Panzer, President

  
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Bill Palmiscno, Executive Director and Clerk