

**PARK DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
APRIL 6, 2015**

ROLL CALL

The Board of Park Commissioners met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 6, 2015, in the Choice Health & Fitness community room, 4401 - 11th Avenue South, at 5:00 p.m. Present were President Panzer, Vice-President LaDouceur, and Commissioners Barta, Skarperud, and Soeby. Commissioner Skarperud had to leave the meeting early and left at 5:57 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 3, 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner Skarperud to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2015 Board meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Soeby; the vote was unanimous, motion carried.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

Market Trolley Information

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the Market Trolley information to be added to the agenda for discussion. Seconded by Commissioner Barta; the vote was unanimous, motion carried.

DELEGATES TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD

None.

FOR ACTION

Tobacco Policy

Director Palmiscno addressed the Board with his research on the Tobacco Policies. He explained that he spoke with a representative from Golden Valley, Minnesota, a community about the same size of Grand Forks that has a similar tobacco policy. He discussed Golden Valley's tobacco policy enforcement and explained that they respectively enforce the policy and the community has responded favorably.

Dick Olson, the Park District Attorney, went over the two Tobacco Policy options. Tobacco Policy Option 1 is a total tobacco prohibition (including smoking, chewing, and e-cigarettes) at all owned, leased or managed property by the Park District. Tobacco Option 2 is a total tobacco prohibition (including smoking, chewing, and e- cigarettes) at all owned, leased or managed property by the Park District, except chewing tobacco will be allowed at the mainly adult facilities of Lincoln Golf Course, King's Walk Golf Course, and Ulland Park. He also read the City of Grand Forks Ordinance on smoking that includes golf courses, ball fields, and certain events.

A discussion followed by the Board and the public who attended the meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Soeby to approve the Tobacco Policy Option 1 as presented. Seconded by Barta. The motion was defeated on a split vote, two yeas (Soeby and Barta) and three nays (Panzer, LaDouceur, and Skarperud).

A motion was made by Commissioner Skarperud to expand the City of Grand Forks Ordinance to include parks and playground areas. No second, motion dies.

Further discussion continued on the Tobacco Policy proposals Options 1 and 2.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the Tobacco Policy Option 2 as presented. Seconded by Barta. The motion was approved on a split vote, four yeas (Panzer, LaDouceur, Skarperud, and Barta) and one nay (Soeby).

2014 Audit Report

Superintendent Hellyer addressed the Board and presented the 2014 Audit Report along with the management report. He went over the summary of funds along with a recap of the management report.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the 2014 Audit Report as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Soeby; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Skarperud absent.

Add Forestry Full-Time Employee

Mike Fugazzi, Park District Forestry Operations Manager, addressed the Board with a request to add a full-time Forestry employee to the department. He explained that two of his employees are at the rule of 90 and two others are close to retirement. He would like to have staff in place now to gain experience before the current staff starts retiring.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barta to approve adding a Forestry full-time position as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Soeby; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Skarperud absent.

FOR DISCUSSION

Market Trolley

Commissioner Soeby spoke on a grant proposal for a Market Trolley for Grand Forks. The trolley would be used for educational purposes and produce sales throughout the Grand Forks area. Altru Health System, Urban Development, and Amazing Grains will be collaborating to prepare the grant. Soeby is looking for a letter of support from the Grand Forks Park District for the Market Trolley. A discussion followed.

The Board supported the Grand Forks Park District creating a letter for the Market Trolley grant.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Superintendent Hellyer reviewed the February 28, 2015 financial reports.

BILLS TO BE APPROVED FOR MARCH 2015

A motion was made by Commissioner LaDouceur to approve the bills for March 2015 in the amount of \$1,737,734.39. Seconded by Commissioner Barta; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Skarperud absent.

STAFF REPORTS

Choice Health & Fitness General Manager, Mike Orr, reported that Choice H & F and YMCA memberships combined have reached the 7,000 mark. He also updated the Board on parking tickets; staff has issued six tickets to date. Parking lot stripping will be done during the Memorial Day weekend. Orr also updated the Board on the first Triathlon, which will be held on April 25, 2015.

Director Palmiscno reported on the upcoming events within the Park District. He also updated the Board on the Ryan Lake project and Parks/Forestry maintenance office remodel.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS

Commissioner LaDouceur inquired about the youth football league and if the Park District would be interested in being involved with the league. Palmiscno explained that we have worked with them and would like to see them form their own Board. He would help the partners start the process of putting the Board together.


LaDouceur also stated that the tobacco policy signage for the golf carts should include "per Grand Forks City Ordinance".

Commissioner Panzer was contacted about the Grand Forks Park District concession stands. A discussion followed on concession stand operations. It will be discussed at a future meeting.

Panzer also addressed the members on an email he received from a resident on the shared parking policies between the Park District and the Grand Forks School District.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Barta at 6:44 p.m. to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Soeby; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Skarperud absent.



Bill Palmiscno, Clerk



Jay Panzer, President