

**PARK DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF GRAND FORKS
PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 17, 2020**

The Board of Park Commissioners met for a special meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, in the Choice Health & Fitness community room, 4401 South 11th Street, at 8:30 a.m. with President Panzer presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present were President Panzer, Vice-President Skarperud, and Commissioner Dvorak. Commissioners Barta and LaDouceur were absent.

Park District staff in attendance were: Executive Director Palmiscno, Superintendent of Finance Hellyer, Choice Health & Fitness General Manager Orr, Parks Operations Manager Ziegelmann, Forestry Operations Manager Lee, Facilities Manager Arola, Fitness Manager Langei, Sports & Recreation Manager Rollefstad, Community Relations & Marketing Manager Nelson, Recreation & Special Events Manager Roche, Accounting Manager Lancaster, Maintenance Coordinator Schafer, and Office Assistant Parker.

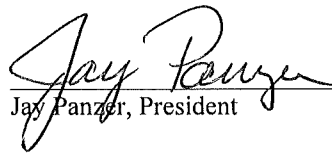
FOR DISCUSSION


Update on COVID-19 Relating to Programs, Facilities, and Staff

Executive Director Palmiscno presented to the Board the recent updates on the COVID-19 outbreak from the CDC, Governor Burgum, and Grand Forks City Mayor Brown. Palmiscno stated there are more reasons to close facilities, than to stay open. Choice Health & Fitness General Manager Orr stated that some national YMCA's have closed, local YMCA's were remaining open to see what the Governor or Mayor decides. Palmiscno stated that with the current White House recommendation of no groups larger than 10 people, it would be difficult for the arenas to stay open since most rentals have more than 10 people. Orr also stated that the current White House recommendation of groups of 10 are more difficult to manage than the previous recommendation of 50. After some discussion, the Board decided to close all facilities to the public and schedule a follow-up meeting in one week. The Board also agreed to allow full time employees to use sick and vacation time in excess of the amount that has been accrued.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Skarperud made a motion at 8:58 a.m. to adjourn. Commissioner Dvorak seconded the motion; the vote was unanimous, motion carried. Commissioners Barta and LaDouceur were absent.


Jay Panzer, President


Bill Palmiscno, Executive Director and Clerk