

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, February 14, 2007 at West Fargo City Hall. Members present were: Sharon Odegaard, Gary Fugere, Denise Johnson, Kathy Scully and Ken Zetocha. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Odegaard.

Commissioner Fugere made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zetocha to approve the order of the agenda with the addition of item #6 (contract approval for Vets Arena) and item #7 (YHR agreement). All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve park board minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Fugere made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

Approve Bills
Monthly Report

Commissioners Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, Fugere, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Mike Manstrom of Dougherty & Co. and Brian Neugebauer of Ohnstad Twichell presented material on the refunding of the series 2003 bonds. The bond would be comprised of three parts: funding for maintenance shop in rendezvous park (350K, payoff 2012), funding for soccer addition (250K, payoff 2010), and balance due of original bond (2,795K, payoff 2018). The annual payment would decrease by around \$50,000 per year starting in 2009. A total net present value benefit equals \$101,263.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fugere to proceed with the refunding of series 2003 bonds. Commissioners Fugere, Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Steve Johnson handed out a draft of the Soccer Complex Naming Rights Agreement. Commissioner Zetocha asked who is paying for the sign and Mr. Johnson replied that it is coming out of the \$250,000.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to accept the soccer agreement with the only changes being needed are minor grammar errors. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, Fugere, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Scheduling summer ice after the dog show will work according to Mark Lester of the West Fargo Hockey Association. Best case scenario for first day of summer ice would be June 11th. The WFHA has decided against the arena deck plan. Utility costs are the big unknown for summer ice. Mr. Lester stated that the Frappier group would occupy 150 hours of summer ice and they are under the assumption that summer ice would be the same as winter ice (\$90 per hour). After much discussion, nothing was decided although \$95 was a frequent mentioned amount.

The Park Board raised concerns with the lack of timely payments for ice time and pledge payments from the WFHA. Gaming has been down, but is picking up according to Mr. Lester. Mr. Lester also said they should be able to catch up soon (end of March). The WFHA plans to use a different registration process next year to eliminate down turns in their cash flow.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fugere to waive the late charges assessed to the West Fargo Hockey Association for November and December ice time totaling \$594.75 with the understanding that this is a one-time waive and the WFHA will be responsible for all future late charges that are imposed. Commissioners Fugere, Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update of the recreation programs.

Director Erbstoesser reported that there was no news to update with the legislation.

The West Fargo Hockey Association would like to rent out Vets II on March 17, 2007 for their hockey banquet. The rental would be \$500 plus tables and chairs. Commissioner Fugere, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the contract for the WFHA for Vets II on March, 17, 2007. Commissioners Scully, Zetocha, Fugere, Johnson, and Odegaard.

Director Erbstoesser would like approval to work with YHR Partners on the architectural plans of the maintenance building and a future office expansion.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the use of YHR Partners for the planning, design, and development of the maintenance building in Rendezvous Park. Commissioners Fugere, Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fugere to approve the use of YHR Partners for the planning, design, and development of a future office expansion in Elmwood Park. Commissioners Zetocha, Fugere, Johnson, Scully, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

WF Park Board Chair, Sharon Odegaard

WF Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson