

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at West Fargo City Hall. Members present were: Sharon Odegaard, Gary Fugere, Kathy Scully and Ken Zetocha. Denise Johnson was absent. 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 deletion of item #4 (WF Comprehensive Plan), the addition of items #5 (Soccer Fields) and #6 (Farmers Market). All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Fugere made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve park board minutes of the May 9, 2007 meeting as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

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

Approve Bills
Monthly Report

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

Director Erbstoesser reported the proposed shelter located at the former garden plots location in south Elmwood Park came in \$25,000 higher than anticipated. The play structure at the same south Elmwood Park location came in at an anticipated \$25,310. Director Erbstoesser recommended waiting for the shelter until next year, but go ahead with the play structure bid.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to accept the play booster proposal for a play structure in the amount of \$25,310 for south Elmwood Park. Commissioners Fugere, Scully, Zetocha and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

The annual park tour date was set for July 18th at 4:30 with a backup date of July 25th.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update of the recreation programs.

Commissioner Zetocha has been approached by Cargill about installing playground equipment at the Scheels Soccer Complex as part of a community project. Cargill would donate \$14,500 towards playground equipment plus provide labor.

Director Erbstoesser was concerned with safety and timing. There is no room for error with playground equipment assembly. Director Erbstoesser, at the minimum, would require park staff to supervise. The park staff does not have much time this summer to assist with this project. Spring of 2008 would be much better. Commissioner Zetocha will contact Cargill and inform them the park district is interested in this project, but further discussion needs to be on a better timeline.

Ruth Schill and Rudy Radke were present to discuss a possible farmers market at the Vets Arena parking lot. Ms. Schill believes the Fargo-Moorhead area can support more farmers markets. Currently, there are farmers markets in Fargo at the Dike and US Bank parking lot. June through October are the typical months of operation.

Ms. Schill would oversee the market in the beginning and eventually turn it into an association. The vendors would sign liability waivers and there is also umbrella coverage under the association. Ms. Schill has a goal of forty vendors. Commissioner Zetocha commented that he would like to see the farmers market open by this fall, but planning and zoning is just one of the details that needs to be looked into.

The meeting was adjourned.

WF Park Board Chair, Sharon Odegaard

WF Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson