

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, March 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 Johnson to approve the order of the agenda with the addition of item #12 (city of West Fargo comprehensive plan). All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve park board minutes of the February 14, 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 Zetocha, Fugere, Johnson, Scully and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser handed out a proposed summer ice contract to be reviewed. A proposed hourly summer rate of \$95 per hour for 2007 is listed on the contract. There was some talk regarding possible adjustments depending on utility costs.

Commissioner Odegaard suggested a party agreement would be a good idea to have so the park district knows what the West Fargo Hockey Association (WFHA) is signing with these third parties. Commissioner Zetocha commented that the park district should have final say in decisions with rentals between the WFHA and third parties.

Kevin Strouse from BMX was absent. Director Erbstoesser will put him on April's agenda.

There was only one bid for the restroom bids. CXT Inc. bid \$26,543.00 for each restroom. The locations of the four restrooms are North Elmwood Park, South Elmwood Park, and two at Rendezvous Park. The restrooms were originally unisex, but now will be men's and women's.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to award the bid for \$106,172 to CXT Inc. for double vault precast toilet buildings at North Elmwood Park, South Elmwood Park, and two at Rendezvous Park. Commissioners Scully, Zetocha, Fugere, Johnson and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser handed out preliminary plans for the maintenance building at Rendezvous Park. The steel building will be 70' x 90' with an estimated completion date of August 1, 2007. The estimated cost of \$350,000 will be funded through an addition to the recent refunding of the series 2003 bonds.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to proceed with sending out bids for the building of the Rendezvous Park maintenance building. Commissioners Fugere, Johnson, Scully, Zetocha and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update of the recreation programs.

There is a person interested in the house at Beaton Farm. Director Erbstoesser said the park tried to sell the house back in 2003 for \$3,500 (fill and clean-up costs). The buyer would take care of the costs of filling in the basement and site cleanup.

The city of West Fargo owns an auditor lot at Burlington development which a developer would like to make improvements to if the park would agree to care for the land. The only cost to the park district would be to maintain the land.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zetocha to accept the proposed landscape layout and land per improvements being made and agree to maintain the discussed land. Commissioners Scully, Zetocha, Fugere, Johnson and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser recommended cash in lieu for Bogey Fifth Addition. The commercial site is located in a heavy industrial area. The park received cash in lieu for Bogey First – Fourth Additions.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to accept cash in lieu for Bogey Fifth Addition. Commissioners Fugere, Johnson, Scully, Zetocha and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser and Commissioner Zetocha gave an overview of their legislative trip to Bismarck. No decision has been made on House Bill 1051.

The park board retreat will be at the Veteran's Memorial Arena on March 28, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Back in 1999, the city of West Fargo created a comprehensive plan. The city is in the process of updating it. Director Erbstoesser, Commissioner Odegaard, and Commissioner Johnson will be part of the focus group that will meet in April.

The meeting was adjourned.

WF Park Board Chair, Sharon Odegaard

WF Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson