

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 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 following changes:

Additions – Scheels Soccer Complex

All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve Park Board minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

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

Approve Bills
Monthly Report

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

Todd Rheault and Jeff Young were not present so West Fargo Baseball Club was moved to the end of the meeting.

Brad Rivers from Horizon Real Estate Group spoke to the board regarding Doll's 5th commercial development. The property owner does not have the money to pay for the possible cash in lieu. The property is 11 acres and zoned light commercial so the estimated cash in lieu would be \$20,000 - \$25,000. Mr. Rivers is looking for a creative way to defer costs associated with the cash in lieu or land dedication.

Commissioner Odegaard informed Mr. Rivers the park board must stay within our policies to eliminate setting different standards for different developers. Commissioner Zetocha also stressed the need for consistency of our policies. Cash in lieu is typically paid all up front. Director Erbstoesser said West River paid a portion of their cash in lieu up front and paid the balance before the first permit was issued.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fugere to accept cash in lieu for Doll's 5th with an initial payment to be a similar percentage as West River and a final payment for the remaining balance to be paid before the first permit is issued for Doll's 5th. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, Fugere and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser recapped a recent meeting with John Meyer from the West Fargo Hockey Association that discussed the pledge, summer ice, future programs and ice rates. Director Erbstoesser gave a handout with proposed ice rates for the upcoming season. Commissioner Zetocha worried about the increasing energy costs and proposed having the costs built into the contracts. Commissioner Odegaard suggested passing on anything above a 10% increase to the user. Director Erbstoesser will set up a meeting with attorney Brian Neugebauer and discuss options involving an energy surcharge.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zetocha to approve the following Veteran's Memorial Arena ice rates for the 2008 – 2009 season:

West Fargo High School (effective 8/25/08)	Ice Time	=	\$105.00 hour
	Dry Floor	=	\$35.00 hour
	Game Rate	=	\$750.00 2 games \$600.00 1 game
West Fargo Hockey Assoc. (effective 10/15/08)	Ice Time	=	\$105.00 hour (if pledge late) \$100.00 hour (if pledge current)
General Public (effective 8/25/08)	Ice Time	=	\$110.00 hour
	Game Rate	=	\$800.00 2 games \$650.00 1 game

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

Director Erbstoesser requested Valley Vintage Club be tabled until June.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update on the recreation programs.

Director Erbstoesser informed the board about the possibility of the Red River Valley Fair wanting to sell the Scheels Soccer Complex land. The RRVF is looking for funds to pay debt and selling this land has been discussed. Losing the soccer complex would cripple the soccer program commented Commissioner Zetocha. Commissioner Fugere noted that the park district and soccer association have put massive amounts of time and energy into those fields. Director Erbstoesser will speak to the fair board at their next meeting and express to them the importance that the soccer complex has to the park district.

Director Erbstoesser handed out ball field estimates for Rendezvous Park. Director Erbstoesser said an agreement needs to be made between the baseball and softball associations before work begins on the fields.

The meeting was adjourned.

WF Park Board Chair, Sharon Odegaard

WF Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson