

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 10, 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 following changes:

Additions – Golf Course (Jim Brownlee)
Subtractions – Valley Vintage Car Club Contract

All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve Park Board minutes of the September 12, 2007 and October 1, 2007 (budget) meetings as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

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

Approve Bills
Monthly Report

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

Jim Brownlee, City Administrator for the city of West Fargo, discussed a proposed golf course located in south West Fargo. The developers of West Port Beach would donate the land for the proposed 18-hole course. Mr. Brownlee stated the City Commission would be reviewing a proposed golf course feasibility study at the City Commission meeting on October 15, 2007.

Commissioner Odegaard asked Mr. Brownlee if he is asking for any action from the Park District and Mr. Brownlee replied he is not. Commissioners Odegaard and Zetocha both stressed that even if a feasibility study showed that a golf course should be built, the Park District is not prepared to go ahead with such a large project. Mr. Brownlee said the city has made no decisions regarding building a golf course.

Brian Neugebauer was not present to discuss the Burlington Park specials.

Jack French made a power point presentation regarding the local BMX organization. Mr. French and other supporters would like to reorganize and take over the operations of the local BMX organization. Mr. French welcomes help from the existing BMX board, but believes his group can take BMX to the next level. There are currently no by-laws, operating agreement or list of officers.

Director Erbstoesser stated that she did not have a great relationship with the existing BMX board over the past year. Kevin Strouse, Track Director, commented that he had poor communication with the existing BMX board and wants a new board also.

Commissioner Zetocha had questions regarding the existing BMX board that was Park Board approved and if Mr. French and his group had the authority to make these changes. Commissioner Zetocha said the park district wants one board to deal with, not two. Commissioner Zetocha recommended the two boards work it out, publish an open meeting to elect a board and come back at the November meeting.

Director Erbstoesser presented the Toppers Car Club contract. Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Toppers Car Club contract with the dates of April 4 – 6, 2008; March 27 – 29, 2009; and March 26 – 28, 2010 for an annual rate of \$3,750 with an addendum to address utility charges. Commissioners Scully, Zetocha, Fugere, Johnson and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser presented the upcoming hockey season contract with the West Fargo Hockey Association. Commissioner Fugere made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the hockey contract for the 2007 – 2008 season with the West Fargo Hockey Association with an ice rate of \$95 per hour. Commissioners Zetocha, Fugere, Johnson, Scully and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update on the recreation programs.

Director Erbstoesser gave a reminder that matching funds increased to \$10,000 for 2008.

The meeting was adjourned.

WF Park Board Chair, Sharon Odegaard

WF Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson