

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 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 deletion of item #5 (Land Development). All Board Members present voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Park Board minutes of the August 9, 2006 and August 23, 2006 meetings 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 Fugere, Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, and Odegaard voting aye, motion carried.

Todd Rheault gave an update on the babe ruth / legion baseball programs. He requested approval to construct new dugouts and backstop. Mr. Rheault has visited with Chad DuBois (CS DuBois Construction) and will receive donated time from him to help keep costs low. There will be no cost to the Park District.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the plan for the dugouts / backstop assuming the Park District has no costs associated with the plan. Commissioners Scully, Zetocha, Fugere, Johnson, and Odegaard voting aye, motion carried.

Nick Bergquist from Goldenwood presented a preliminary layout for a park dedication in the Goldenwood division. Around nine acres is required for the park dedication. Mr. Bergquist proposed a 6.8 acres park with the rest in cash in lieu. Commissioner Odegaard stated the Park District would like as much land as possible. Mr. Bergquist and Director Erbstoesser are to stay in contact during the preliminary stages.

Steve Johnson gave an update on the soccer fields. Over \$150,000 has been raised from businesses and personal pledges. Mr. Johnson presented the latest proposal

from Scheels (\$50,000 for seven years plus \$1500 for years eight through fifteen, equaling a total pledge of \$62,000). After fifteen years the deal would be over.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zetocha to accept Scheels proposal of \$50,000 for seven years plus \$1500 for years eight through fifteen, equaling a total pledge of \$62,000. Commissioners Scully and Zetocha voting aye; Commissioners Fugere, Johnson, and Odegaard voting nay, motion failed.

Commissioner Odegaard does not agree with the \$1500 and believes the naming rights to be worth more. Commissioner Zetocha suggested maybe the Park District underwrite the cost if the soccer association is unable to raise any more money. Mr. Johnson will go back to Scheels and see if they will increase there proposal.

Director Erbstoesser next discussed the soccer bid. Moore Engineering donated \$5,000 of engineering fees. Jensen Brothers of Wheatland, ND came in with the lowest bid at \$147,733. Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fugere to accept the low bid from Jensen Brothers for the West Fargo Soccer Complex – Part B Phase II. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, Fugere, and Odegaard voting aye, motion carried.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update of the recreation programs.

Director Erbstoesser confirmed that the Society For Creative Anachronism is a medieval role playing organization. Director Erbstoesser recommended approving the \$1300 arena rental contract for the dates 5/11/07 and 5/12/07. Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the contract with the Society For Creative Anachronism for an arena rental on 5/11/07 and 5/12/07. Commissioners Zetocha, Fugere, Johnson, Scully, and Odegaard voting aye, motion carried.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Fugere to accept the preliminary 2007 annual budget. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, Fugere, and Odegaard voting aye, motion passed.

The Park Board will meet at 5:30 on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 to approve the final 2007 annual budget.

The park board retreat will be held at 3:00 on October 25, 2006 at the West Fargo Library.

The meeting was adjourned.

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WF Park Board Chair, Sharon Odegaard

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WF Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson