

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at West Fargo City Hall. Members present were: Sharon Odegaard, Todd Rheault, Denise Johnson, Kathy Scully and Ken Zetocha. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Odegaard.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the order of the agenda with the following changes:

Additions – West Fargo Chamber (Chris Barton)
Additions – FM Kennel Club

All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Park Board minutes of the June 11, 2008 and June 17, 2008 (Reorganization) meeting as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

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

Approve Bills
Monthly Report

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

Ben Potter spoke on behalf of West Fargo Baseball. The West Fargo Exchange Club is interested in naming the existing Babe Ruth Field for \$25,000 for a period of 10 years. Commissioner Scully questioned why that field and not the fields in Rendezvous where the money is needed. This item was tabled until next month when the naming rights policy will be closer to completion.

The bids for fencing of the Rendezvous Park fields will be opened August 7th. The bids will be reviewed and considered by the board at the August 13th meeting.

Brock Storrusten from Moore Engineering discussed the Shadow Wood development. Mr. Storrusten presented a letter from Don Dabbert Jr., President of Shadow Wood, requesting the park district install playground equipment and a shelter. The estimated cost is \$177,500. The bids will be opened August 7th. The bids will be reviewed and considered by the board at the August 13th meeting.

Mr. Storrusten handed out an engineer's report with the following resolutions passed: creating park improvement district no. 2008-1, directing engineer to prepare report, approving engineer's report, directing engineer to prepare plans and specifications, approving plans and specifications for improvements in park improvement district no. 2008-1, and directing clerk to advertise for bids. All resolutions passed (see attachment for further information).

Rich Meyer from YHR presented the board with specs on the office addition. The estimated cost is \$160,000. The bids will be opened August 12th. The bids will be reviewed and considered by the board at the August 13th meeting.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the plans and specs for the park district office addition and to approve the advertisement for bids. Commissioners Rheault, Johnson, Scully, Zetocha and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser read a draft of the naming rights policy. Some of the comments included were not including dollar amounts into the policy because of future limitations and inserting a right of first refusal. This item was tabled until next month.

Chris Barton from the West Fargo Chamber informed the board on the upcoming "Call to Action" program. The West Fargo School District is challenging local businesses to partner with area youth in making a difference in the community. Ms. Barton handed out a flier and asked if the park board is interesting in partnering with this project. All board members agreed that it sounds like a great project and the park district will help out where possible.

Director Erbstoesser discussed the FM Kennel Club contract. Currently there is no contract for next year. The dilemma is balancing the dog show with summer ice since there is an overlapping of time. The cleanup required for the dog show is also a large issue. Director Erbstoesser mentioned the poor ice rentals again this summer. The dog show would like Vets I & II for at least one more year and have offered a substantial contract amount. Commissioner Odegaard brought up the idea of Vets I for the dog show and Vets II for the WFHA if it would work for the Kennel Club.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to offer a contract to Vets I to the FM Kennel Club with the option of Vets II pending there is no other tenant, namely the West Fargo Hockey Association. Commissioner Rheault, Johnson, Scully, Zetocha and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

A letter was discussed that was sent by American Crystal Sugar regarding their Elmwood Park shelter rental. They did not agree with the park district's policy on inflatable games and the subsequent parking issue that arose. Commissioner Odegaard will send a response letter clarifying our policies and procedures.

Director Erbstoesser recommended accepting cash in lieu for Industrial Builders First Subdivision. The dedication will be around 3 acres.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to accept cash in lieu for Industrial Builders First Subdivision and allocate funds for Goldenwood improvements. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, Rheault and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

The Annual Park Tour will start at 4:00 at South Elmwood Park on Monday, July 21, 2008.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update on the recreation programs.

The meeting was adjourned.

WF Park Board Chair, Sharon Odegaard

WF Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson

