

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at the 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 Scully to approve the order of the agenda with the following change:

Addition – Scheels Soccer Complex Use

All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rheault to approve park board minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

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

Approve Bills  
Monthly Report

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

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update on the recreation programs.

Director Erbstoesser received a request from Curt Jones (West Fargo School District) to use the Scheels Soccer Complex on September 18th and 19th. Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to authorize Director Erbstoesser to enter into an agreement with the West Fargo School District for a rental fee of \$300. Commissioners Rheault, Johnson, Scully, Zetocha and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Dean Shearer from the West Fargo BMX Association gave an update on the state of the program. The starting gate needs major repairs. The estimated cost is \$4500. BMX wants an extension of at least two years on the moving agreement or they will not spend the money on the starting gate. Mr. Shearer also asked that if BMX installs a security light if the park

will pay for the electricity. Mr. Shearer assured the park board that BMX is still looking into moving the track.

Commissioner Rheault made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to extend an extra year and one rollover each year in September with the understanding the option to pursue a move to the Red River Valley Fairgrounds in 2013. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, Rheault and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

No one was present from the West Fargo School District or West Fargo Hockey Association to discuss arena ice rates. Discussion amongst the park board resulted in changes regarding ice rates:

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to accept the proposed Veterans Memorial Arena ice rates for the West Fargo Hockey Association:

June 1, 2009 – May 31, 2010	=	\$105 per hour (1-1700 hours)
	=	\$ 75 per hour (1701 + hours)
June 1, 2010 – May 31, 2011	=	\$105 per hour (1-1700 hours)
	=	\$ 85 per hour (1701 + hours)

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

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to lower the Veterans Memorial Arena ice rate for the West Fargo School District:

October 1, 2009 – April 30, 2010	=	\$115 per hour
with all other previously approved rates staying the same		

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

Commissioner Rheault made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to not authorize the West Fargo Hockey Association to use their concession trailer inside the Veterans Memorial Arena. Commissioners Zetocha, Rheault, Johnson, Scully and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Business Manager Germundson presented an overview of the 2010 budget. Commissioner Zetocha, Commissioner Rheault, Director Erbstoesser and Business Manager Germundson met earlier in the day to go over the 2010 budget in detail. One concern the two commissioners had was the full-time employee benefit package, specifically the health insurance policy involving the park / employee cost share. With annually rapidly rising insurance costs, the park district may soon require employees to increase their percent share of the cost for their health insurance (currently 75% park, 25% employee; with one exception).

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rheault to approve the 2010 preliminary budget as presented with a mill levy of 32.46 mills. A public hearing will be held at 5:30 on September 9, 2009 at West Fargo City Hall to approve the final budget. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, Rheault and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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WF Park Board Chair, Sharon Odegaard

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WF Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson