

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at West Fargo City Hall. Members present were: Ken Zetocha, Todd Rheault, Denise Johnson and Kathy Scully. Sharon Odegaard was absent. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ken Zetocha.

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

Addition – Golf Course Update (Erbstoesser)
Addition – Disc Golf Course (Erbstoesser)

All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve Park Board minutes of the January 14, 2009 meeting 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 Rheault, Johnson, Scully and Zetocha voting aye; motion carried.

Business Manager Germundson presented a recap of the 2008 budget.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update on the recreation programs.

Director Erbstoesser presented the hockey banquet contract. Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rheault to approve the West Fargo Hockey Association banquet contract with the date of March 22, 2009 for Vets II with no rental charge as discussed at the January 14, 2009 meeting. Commissioners Scully, Rheault, Johnson and Zetocha voting aye; motion carried.

The spring retreat is tentatively set for March 12, 2009 at the park district offices. The commissioners will check their schedules and confirm. The open house dates will be on April 27, 2009 at the Loeden Center and April 30, 2009 at Aurora Elementary.

Director Erbstoesser gave a brief overview of the bills that are being discussed at the state legislature involving park districts.

Commissioners Odegaard and Zetocha, along with Director Erbstoesser and Business Manager Germundson recently met with City Administrator Brownlee and Mayor Mattern to discuss park dedication with the proposed golf course. According to the developer's agreement, the 160 acres of golf course satisfies the park dedication. Park district officials were surprised by this revelation. Park district officials stressed the need for park areas due to the large area of land the development will be built on. Bike paths and small pockets of park areas were discussed. It was agreed that city, park and developer officials will all meet after the public forum on February 17, 2009 is held.

A recent complaint was made regarding to possible relocation of the disc golf course. Director Erbstoesser mentioned the 9th Grade Academy site is still a strong possibility, but more discussion with the school district is needed. Director Erbstoesser will bring a map of the proposed course at the 9th Grade Academy at next month's park board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

WF Park Board Vice Chair, Ken Zetocha

WF Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson