

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 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 Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the order of the agenda with the following change:

Addition – West Fargo Hockey Association (Keith Holland)

All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve park board minutes of the June 10, 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.

Troy Miller, a West Fargo High School hockey coach, expressed his concern over the proposed ice rate increases for the upcoming season. With the rate increases, Mr. Miller said it will severely affect his budget. Mr. Miller was unaware of the preliminary notices sent by the park district regarding the increases because this is his first year of being co-head coach. Mr. Miller requests a nominal increase, but not a \$15 per hour increase.

Keith Holland, representing the West Fargo Hockey Association (WFHA), expressed his concerns over a variety of topics such as ice rates, building improvements and the pledge. Mr. Holland suggested changes to the upcoming contract. The WFHA would like to lock in the rate of \$105 per hour for the next two years for the first 1700 hours in each year. Hours 1701 and above the WFHA would like at \$75 per hour.

Mr. Holland also asked for permission to use the WFHA's concession trailer at the arena during special events as long as it sold items not already being offered. The WFHA also requested to drop the pledge incentive in the upcoming contract. The WFHA has every intention of paying the pledge, but they feel it is unnecessary for such language to be in the ice contract.

The West Fargo High School and WFHA requests were tabled until next month.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update on the recreation programs.

Director Erbstoesser updated the park board on the Eid-Co future development in north West Fargo. Jason Eid has agreed on the proposed eight acre park configuration. Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the proposed plat of eight acres of the future Eid-Co development in north West Fargo. Commissioners Scully, Zetocha, Rheault, Johnson and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser announced the State Babe Ruth tournament will be held July 17-21 at Elmwood Park and the Midwest Plains Regional 14 year old Babe Ruth Tournament will be held August 5-11 at the Legion Field.

The annual park tour is tentatively rescheduled for September 16.

The meeting was adjourned.

WF Park Board Chair, Sharon Odegaard

WF Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson