

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 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 change:

Addition – Fargo Little League Baseball

All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve park board minutes of the December 9, 2009 meeting as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

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

Approve Bills
Monthly Report

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

The 2009 budget did not need to be amended and was therefore withdrawn from the consent agenda.

Joe Zdeb made a request to allow the dumping of snow onto Pinewood Park. In times of heavy snow, Mr. Zdeb said there is little room for the snow removal contractors to pile the snow. Mr. Zdeb would like approval for the contractors to push the snow onto park property to alleviate the problem. The request goes against West Fargo Ordinance 609. The commissioners all agreed that due to the ordinance, possible damage to the turf, possible EPA storm water issues and multiple other issues that it would not be advisable to approve the request by Mr. Zdeb.

Commissioner Rheault made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zetocha to deny the request by Mr. Zdeb and adhere to West Fargo Ordinance 609. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, Rheault and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser made the following recommendations regarding the matching funds program for 2010: West Fargo BMX (tabled due to recent developments) – West Fargo Soccer (\$3,170) – West Fargo Baseball (\$5,000) – West Fargo Softball Club (\$2,030).

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the recommendations from Director Erbstoesser regarding the 2010 matching funds program and award \$3,170 to West Fargo Soccer; \$5,000 to West Fargo Baseball; \$2,030 to West Fargo Softball Club with West Fargo BMX tabled until further advised by Director Erbstoesser. Commissioners Scully, Zetocha, Rheault, Johnson and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update on the recreation programs.

Director Erbstoesser received an updated plat involving the proposed Eaglewood Development. The plat is just for discussion purposes at this point. The item was tabled until next month.

Director Erbstoesser clarified the confusion of appointed positions, specifically the Executive Director and Clerk positions and if they needed to be appointed. It is not mandated by the North Dakota Century Code to appoint these positions every two years unless there is a change of employment.

Director Erbstoesser discussed the newly formed Fargo Little League Baseball. Director Erbstoesser has been approached by league officials regarding the use of baseball fields. There is already a lack of field availability for our current users, but Director Erbstoesser will meet with the league officials and explore any options available.

The meeting was adjourned.

WF Park Board Chair, Sharon Odegaard

WF Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson