

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 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 changes:

Addition – Senior Center

All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve park board minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Zetocha 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.

Bill Tuff, representing the West Fargo VFW, presented a check in the amount \$7,500 to be used to help operate Veterans Memorial Pool for the upcoming summer.

Joel Campbell, representing West Fargo BMX, gave an update with the recent improvements made to the track. Mr. Campbell also inquired about the future site of the track. Mr. Campbell would like to see the track stay at its current site for the foreseeable future. Commissioner Rheault informed Mr. Campbell of the previous West Fargo BMX leadership that was intent on moving the track site. Commissioner Rheault also told Mr. Campbell of the three year commitment the park district had made with the previous West Fargo BMX board and the mutual goal of moving the track site in the near future

No one was present to object the assessments for Park Improvement District No. 2008-1. Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to confirm the assessment list for Park Improvement District No. 2008-1 of the park district of the city of West Fargo, as confirmed by the Special Assessment Commission of the park district of the city of West Fargo. Commissioners Scully, Zetocha, Rheault, Johnson and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Roger Yliniemi, representing the West Fargo Hockey Association, gave a summary of the WFHA's business plan. Player fee increases, additional fundraising requirements, arena sign advertising, and committee restructuring are a few of the programs that should allow the WFHA to improve their financial situation. Commissioner Rheault invited Mr. Yliniemi or any representative from the WFHA to the monthly park board meeting to strengthen the communication between the two groups.

Mr. Yliniemi asked if the park board would be interested in a financial partnership with the youth program, specifically the scholarship program, to help with their costs as had been the case in previous years. Commissioner Odegaard stressed the scholarship program must have the same criteria as what is currently used by the park district.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rheault to allocate \$6,500 to the WFHA Termite recreation program for program costs not to include the building fee. Commissioner Zetocha amended the motion by changing the word "allocate" to "donate." Commissioners Johnson, Scully, Zetocha, Rheault and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Due to the strength of the business plan, Director Erbstoesser made a recommendation for the installation of summer ice in Vets II. Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to authorize the installation of summer ice in Vets II. Commissioners Scully, Zetocha, Rheault, Johnson and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

The other Sterling property was recently sold. Business Germundson recommended the proceeds to be placed into the capital improvement account just as the previous Sterling property sale had been. Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to allocate all Sterling property proceeds into the capital improvement account (#8700). Commissioners Rheault, Johnson, Scully, Zetocha and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Recreation Manager Belisle gave an update on the recreation programs.

Director Erbstoesser handed an NRPA article that dealt with land dedication and how it benefits the community.

Director Erbstoesser requested a special park board meeting next week to approve the upcoming irrigation bids for the Rendezvous ball fields. Director Erbstoesser will send out possible dates and times.

Director Erbstoesser recently met with Frank Lenzmeier regarding a West Fargo senior center. A committee has formed and has inquired on the possible participation of the park district. The park board decided that programming is the strongest possibility of participation with the senior center proposal. Director Erbstoesser will meet with Recreation Manager Belisle and Recreation Specialist Wangler to further discuss possible senior programming.

The meeting was adjourned.

Park Board Chair, Sharon Odegaard

Park Board Clerk, Justin Germundson