

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at West Fargo City Hall. Members present were: Sharon Odegaard, Ken Zetocha, and Jeff McCracken. Commissioners Todd Rheault and Kathy Scully were absent. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Odegaard.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to approve the order of the agenda with the following change: Addition – Quilters Guild VMA Contract.

Commissioner McCracken made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Zetocha to approve minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

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

Approve Bills (\$1,797,286.71)  
Monthly Report

Commissioners Zetocha, McCracken, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Ben Potter from West Fargo Baseball made a request for the matching funds program. The \$7,650 would be used on a variety of items including backstop padding, backstop netting, and portable mounds.

Steve Johnson from West Fargo Soccer made a request for the matching funds program. The \$5,750 would be used on a variety of items including information kiosk, goals, ramp, and decking.

Mike Prochnow from West Fargo Hockey made a request for the matching funds program. The \$5,800 would be used on a garage door, windows, and labor for the new treadmill area in Vets 2.

Ken Norton from Red River Valley Lacrosse made a request for the matching funds program. The original \$800 would be used on goals and nets. This amount was increased to \$1,000 due to increased costs.

Director Erbstoesser (who was not present) had a written recommendation of approval of all the requests.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to award the following matching funds program amounts of \$7,650 to West Fargo Baseball; \$5,750 to West Fargo Soccer; \$5,800 to West Fargo Hockey; and \$1,000 to Red River Valley Lacrosse. Commissioners Zetocha, McCracken, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Jodi Kallias (a West Fargo business owner) made a presentation and proposal on the Beaton Farm property. Ms. Kallias would like to convert the existing space into a series of mixed public and commercial spaces. Amenities could include a garden center, community events Quonset, small boutique storefront, café, and many other possibilities. The Park currently uses the space for a maintenance staging area, along with seasonal storage. Commissioner Zetocha said although the proposal looked promising, it is premature to commit to any future project connected to that corridor due to the upcoming redesign of Sheyenne Street. The Board recommended continued communication between Ms. Kallias and staff.

Business Manager Germundson presented the Memorandum of Understanding with the West Fargo School District for the use of the Rustad Recreation Center as a reunification site. Director Erbstoesser (who was not present) had a written recommendation of approval for the agreement.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commission McCracken to approve the MOU as presented. Commissioners McCracken, Zetocha, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Matt Welle (Moore Engineering) discussed the Loberg property (west of River's Bend). The developer would dedicate this property to the Park District. The expectation would be for the property to turn into a trail system. At this point it is only informational. Commissioner Zetocha said a cost estimate would be required before a commitment. Moore Engineering will get an estimate.

Business Manager Germundson presented The Quilters Guild contract. The Veterans Memorial Arena rental was originally approved on January 20, 2016. The renters are concerned with West Fargo High School Homecoming activities and how these events will affect them on Friday, September 23 (parking, etc.). The renters have requested to cancel the contact. Business Manager Germundson recommended cancelling the contract and refunding the \$270 deposit.

Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to cancel and refund the \$270 deposit for The Quilters Guild Veterans Memorial Arena rental on September 19 – 24, 2016. Commissioners McCracken, Zetocha, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Chair Sharon Odegaard

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Clerk Justin Germundson

