

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at West Fargo City Hall. Members present were: Sharon Odegaard, Todd Rheault, Denise Johnson, Kathy Scully, and Jeff McCracken. 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 changes:

Addition – Aquatic Center
Deletion – Twin Arrows Rental Addendum

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rheault to approve minutes of the January 8, 2014 meeting as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

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

Monthly Report
Designate Bell State Bank & Trust as Primary Depository Institution
Amend 2013 Budget

- 8030 General Fund amended to \$2,571,608.73
- 8040 Social Security amended to \$80,711.86
- 8050 Special Assessments amended to \$825,433.82

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

Matt Welle (Moore Engineering) discussed Goldenwood Park. A handout showed the assessment district boundary.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to create Goldenwood Park Improvement District No. 2014-2 of the Park District of the City of West Fargo, North Dakota. Commissioners McCracken, Rheault, Johnson, Scully, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Matt Welle (Moore Engineering) discussed River's Bend Park. Handouts showed an overall area plan and a detailed look at the park.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rheault to direct the engineer to prepare the report. Commissioners Rheault, Johnson, Scully, McCracken, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rheault direct the engineer to prepare plans and specifications. Commissioners Scully, McCracken, Rheault, Johnson, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve the engineer's report. Commissioner Rheault, Johnson, Scully, McCracken, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to approve plans and specifications for improvements in Park Improvement District No. 2014-1 of the Park District of the City of West Fargo. Commissioners McCracken, Rheault, Johnson, Scully, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to direct clerk to advertise for bids. Commissioners Johnson, Rheault, Scully, McCracken, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Jodi Carpenter (representing the American Cancer Society) spoke about the upcoming Relay for Life event. The event will take place on June 20, 2014 in Elmwood Park.

Brett Peterson (representing West Fargo Baseball) requested the removal of snow from the Legion Field. The snow blowing helped tremendously last year. Operations Manager Bob Potter will supervise and coordinate the removal as was the case last year.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to allow the snow removal of the Legion Field under the supervision of Operations Manager Bob Potter. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, McCracken, Rheault, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser handed out a preliminary draft of the naming agreement for the Veterans Memorial Pool. Business Manager Germundson recommended deleting the last sentence in section 3 Naming Rights (purpose of “good faith” funds will be used for debt service not operations). Director Erbstoesser recommended approving the preliminary draft with the fore mentioned change. John Shockley (Ohnstad Twichell) will look at the agreement before final approval next month.

Commissioner Rheault made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the Outdoor Swimming Pool Naming Rights as presented. Commissioners McCracken, Rheault, Johnson, Scully, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser presented the Toppers rental agreement. The three year rental will be on the following dates: March 27 – 29, 2015; April 1 – 3, 2016; and March 31 – April 2, 2017. Director Erbstoesser recommended approving the contract.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to approve the rental agreement as presented. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, McCracken, Rheault, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser discussed The Preserve site. There are two lookouts designated on the lake (south of Freedom Elementary). Director Erbstoesser recommended accepting the land dedication as presented.

Commissioner Johnson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to accept the land dedication at The Preserve as presented. Commissioners Rheault, Johnson, Scully, McCracken, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser and Business Manager Germundson gave an update on the aquatic center. The City of West Fargo is going forward with a one percent sales tax proposal for the June election. The sales tax will go towards infrastructure in order to keep special assessments at a reasonable amount.

Commissioner Rheault commented that without the support of all four entities (city, school, park, and private) this project will not work financially. Commissioner Rheault also stated

that we need to move forward with our projects on that site as planned, but design it in a way that there will be land available in the future for potential aquatics.

Director Erbstoesser summarized the Park District's position on the aquatic center. All agreed that a statement needs to be released to the public so all parties understand our decision. Director Erbstoesser recommended approving the statement regarding the aquatic center (see notes).

Commissioner Rheault made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to release the statement regarding the aquatic center. Commissioners Johnson, Scully, McCracken, Rheault, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.

Chair Sharon Odegaard

Clerk Justin Germundson