

The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at West Fargo City Hall. Members present were: Sharon Odegaard, Todd Rheault, Kathy Scully, and Jeff McCracken. Commissioner Ken Zetocha arrived late. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sharon Odegaard.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rheault to approve the order of the agenda.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rheault to approve minutes of the August 13, 2014 meeting as presented. All board members present voting aye; motion carried.

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

Approve Bills – \$487,734.62
Monthly Report

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

Business Manager Germundson recently met with Facility Manger Olson and Recreation Manager Belisle to come up with a summer ice solution that benefits both the Park and West Fargo Hockey Association. Business Manager Germundson recommended removing summer ice after the last scheduled tournament in July. The exact date has yet to be determined, but it will be sometime in early to mid-July.

Commissioner Rheault made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Scully to accept the recommendation of removing the Veterans Memorial Arena summer ice in early to mid-July. Commissioners McCracken, Rheault, Scully, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Business Manager Germundson discussed the request of The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead to be the legal newspaper of the Park. With the upcoming changes to The Pioneer, it will no longer be eligible as a legal newspaper. The request is to transfer our legal advertising to The Forum. The City of West Fargo and West Fargo School District also recently switched to The Forum. The other option is the Cass County Recorder.

Commissioner Rheault made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to designate The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead as the legal newspaper of the West Fargo Park District. Commissioners Scully, McCracken, Rheault, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Director Erbstoesser presented the contract for the West Fargo Fireman's Ball at the Veterans Memorial Arena. This will be the third year at our site. The date of the ball is September 20, 2014. Director Erbstoesser recommended approving the contract.

Commissioner Scully made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to approve the West Fargo Fireman's Ball contract as presented. Commissioners Rheault, Scully, McCracken, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

Commissioner Zetocha came in attendance.

Director Erbstoesser discussed capital improvement updates. Projects that were discussed included activity centers, Rivers Bend Park, Scheels Soccer Complex, ball field construction, The Preserve site, and our expiring beverage contract.

At 6:00 p.m., no protest from the public regarding the approval of the 2015 annual budget. Commissioner Zetocha made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to approve the 2015 annual budget with expenditures of \$7,243,550 and to set the 2015 annual levy at \$3,103,800. Commissioners Rheault, Zetocha, Scully, McCracken, and Odegaard voting aye; motion carried.

There will be an upcoming Planning Retreat. Commissioners will check their schedules. The anticipated date will be sometime in November.

Chair Sharon Odegaard

Clerk Justin Germundson