



The West Fargo Park Board met at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at the Rustad Recreation Center. Members present were Todd Rheault, Jeff McCracken, Chris Heise, Ryan Gellner, and Jake Lauritsen. President Rheault called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Heise made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to approve the order of the agenda (with the addition of Tintes Park Request) and minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting. No opposition; motion carried.

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

- a. Bills = \$336,232.41
- b. Financial Report

No opposition; motion carried.

### **Tintes Park Request**

Resident Lars Dyrdaahl requested fence dividers for pickleball. President Rheault suggested temporary fence. Park Operations Manager Mathern will come up with a temporary solution.

### **Park Improvement District 2019-1 (Service Club Park)**

Park Operations Manager Mathern summarized the project. Commissioner Lauritsen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to approve the following resolutions for Park Improvement District 2019-1:

- Approve Plans and Specifications
- Direct Clerk to Advertise for Bids

No opposition; motion carried.

### **Park Improvement Project 2021-4 (Tower Complex)**

Park Operations Manager Mathern summarized the project. Funding for this project will be cash on hand so no assessment district is necessary. Commissioner Heise made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gellner to approve the following resolutions for Park Improvement Project 2021-4:

- Approve Engineer's Report
- Direct Engineer to Prepare Plans and Specifications
- Direct Clerk to Advertise for Bids

No opposition; motion carried.



### **Budget 2022 Introduction**

Finance Director Germundson and Park Operations Manager Mathern presented budget options for 2022. Two options used 28 mills, while the other option used 29 mills. Preliminary budget approval is in August, with final budget approval in September. The option selected determines the timing of park improvements for Tower Skate Park, Service Club Park, and North Elmwood Park. Discussion only.

### **City of West Fargo Land Use**

The City of West Fargo has requested use of land at Brooks Harbor Park for a compost collection site. Park Operations Manager Mathern said it is on unused park property. Park Operations Manager recommended approval to pursue an agreement. Commissioner Gellner and Commissioner Heise raised concerns about the smell to the immediate neighborhood. Commissioner Lauritsen made a motion to pursue an agreement with the City of West Fargo for a compost collection site at Brooks Harbor Park with restrictions. Motion failed due to no second. Commissioner Gellner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McCracken to not allow staff to enter into an agreement with the City of West Fargo to discuss a compost collection site at Brooks Harbor Park. Commissioners McCracken, Heise, and Gellner aye; Commissioners Lauritsen and Rheault nay; motion carried on a 3:2 vote.

### **Reports**

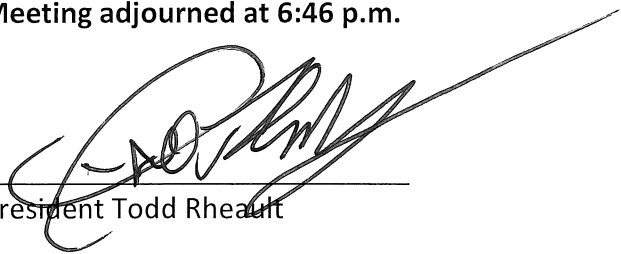
Executive Director Erbstoesser: Garrison Diversion Recreation Grant, Main Street Summit

Rec / Rustad Manager Belisle: hiring positions, concessions, hockey meeting

Facility Manager Olson: pool opening

Park Operations Manager Mathern: nothing to report

**Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.**

  
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President Todd Rheault

  
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Clerk Justin Germundson