

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
January 16, 2020

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on January 16, 2020 in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. Vice President Jeske called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Commissioners Gilbertson, Munson, Beattie (via phone), Zimmerman and Vice President Jeske were present.

Commissioner Munson moved approval of the agenda as presented. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Munson, Gilbertson, Zimmerman, Beattie and Vice President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Mike Motschenbacher and Heather Davis, representing PARC 365 (People Advocating for a Recreation Complex), appeared before the Board. They thanked the Board, Park District staff, and all involved in the feasibility study process. They asked the Board to consider moving forward with the recommendation of the Feasibility Study to develop an indoor community recreation complex. They also asked the Board to consider making a request to the city commission to place a half-cent sales tax increase supporting the construction of the facility and to authorize staff to develop a capital campaign committee through the Bismarck Recreation Council to support this complex.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved that the Park District of the City of Bismarck appear before the Bismarck City Commission:

1. To request a ½ cent increase in city sales tax that will sunset when the bonds to finance up to \$108 million in costs to construct an indoor community recreation complex are paid in full and
2. To request that the City Commission direct City staff to draft ballot language to appear on the June 9, 2020 City election ballot and draft the necessary amendments to the City's Home Rule Charter necessary for the proposed increase in city sales tax.

Commissioner Munson second the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Munson, Gilbertson, Zimmerman, Beattie and Vice President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Munson moved to authorize staff to develop a capital campaign committee through the Bismarck Recreation Council to support this indoor community recreation complex. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Munson, Gilbertson, Zimmerman, Beattie and Vice President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Vice President Jeske opened the floor to those who wished to speak regarding the proposal made at the December 2019 Board meeting to change the name of Custer Park. Approximately 37 people expressed viewpoints on the topic. After receiving comments, the Board of Park Commissioners chose not to make any decisions about the proposed name change. Instead, they would like to see the proposed policy staff is developing regarding the naming and renaming of parks which is expected in February.

Andrew Werder from KLJ reviewed the bids received for the Lewis and Clark Keelboat Entry Fountain Restoration Project. Two bids were received, and both exceeded the Park District's budget and the Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cause. Commissioner Munson moved to reject the bids received and authorized staff to continue to work with KLJ on other possible options. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Munson, Gilbertson, Zimmerman, Beattie and Vice President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Community Relations Manager Paula Redmann reviewed the bids received for the printing of the 2020 Activity Guide. Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the bid submitted by United Printing for a total of \$44,568.54. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Munson, Gilbertson, Zimmerman, and Beattie. Nays: Vice President Jeske. The motion carried.

Finance Director Kathy Feist recommended that the following financial institutions be designated as depositories for Bismarck Parks and Recreation District funds as they all met the specifications required by ND Century Code: American Bank Center, Bremer Bank, BNC National Bank, First International Bank and Trust, Gate City Bank, Starion Bank, US Bank and Wells Fargo Bank. Vice President Jeske disclosed that she is currently employed by one of the banks on the list. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the bank depositories as recommended. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Munson, Gilbertson, Zimmerman, Beattie and Vice President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Vice President Jeske reviewed the following items on the consent agenda:

- Review and approval of December 19, 2019 Board Meeting minutes.
- Accept Special Road Funds Grant for Chief Lookings Village Road Project.
- Request Board authorization to proceed with Professional Consultant selection for Sertoma Park Improvements and the Chief Lookings Village Road Project.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Munson seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Munson, Gilbertson, Zimmerman, Beattie and Vice President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve bills for payment with checks 405490 to 405744 and 200006 to 200233 along with bank drafts DFT000631 to DFT000650, EFTs 585 to 623 and direct deposits 25110 to 25654. Commissioner Munson seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Munson, Gilbertson, Zimmerman, Beattie and Vice President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

The Park Board will meet for a Strategic Planning Session on February 3, 2020 at 4:30 pm at the Park District Office, and the next regular Board meeting will be held February 20, 2020 at 5:15 pm in the Tom Baker Meeting Room. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.