

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
October 15, 2015

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on October 15, 2015 in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. President Jeske called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Commissioners Schwartz, Beattie, Starck, Munson and President Jeske were present.

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

President Jeske recognized staff and organizations that received state-wide recognitions recently. Greg Smith, Operations Director, received the 2015 Distinguished Service Award at the Trees Bowl and Awards Ceremony this fall in Fargo. Nominations from across the state were received, and winners were recognized by the North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota State University.

A Park District employee, project, partner and program were honored at the ND Recreation and Park Association (NDRPA) state conference held recently in Fargo. The awards included:

Operations Director Greg Smith received the organization's Distinguished Professional Award, which honors members with more than 10 years of experience.

The Golden Egg Award, given for outstanding and innovative park projects, was awarded to the Hillside Aquatic Complex. Attendance at the complex this summer was over 32,000, compared to 8,800 in 2014.

Bismarck Public Schools received the NDRPA's Partnership Award, which honors organizations for outstanding contributions to the park, recreation and conservation movement. BPS and BPRD consistently work together to provide numerous indoor and outdoor facilities for youth and adult recreation programming, as well as collaborative efforts for special events and tournaments.

The Park District received the Innovative Programming Award, which demonstrates groundbreaking ideas in programming for its pre-school programming, which includes Toddler Splash Days, (a child and parent program to introduce young ones to water), and for Play Dates (a free program for parents and preschoolers to play together at Park District facilities).

Kevin Klipfel presented the summary of bids received to provide concessions at the Municipal Ballpark, starting in 2017. Commissioner Munson moved to accept the bid from Bismarck Baseball Concessions, LLC, the only vendor who met all minimum specifications of the bid as well as approve the proposed agreement.

Executive Director Bina and Legal Counsel Connie Hofland reviewed the work to date to bring a Northwood's League baseball team to Bismarck as well as the agreement for use of the Municipal Ballpark. If the Park Board chooses to approve the agreement, paragraph #25 would need to be updated to reflect the acceptance of the concessions bid award, to the agreement of

both parties. Commissioner Beattie moved to approve the agreement as presented, contingent upon updated language in #25, agreeable to both parties. Commissioner Starck seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Schwartz, Beattie, Starck, Munson and President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Jay Schulte, a concerned citizen and Bismarck Hockey Boosters coach, addressed the Board with his concerns about fundraising for an additional sheet of ice at Schaumberg Arena. President Jeske thanked him for appearing before the Board.

Chad Wachter from the “Building on Tradition” campaign to raise money for an additional sheet of ice at Schaumberg Arena addressed the Board. As of October 8, the committee has raised \$2,004,150. The committee plans to continue fundraising until they reach \$3.5 million by December 31, 2015. Their desire is for the Park District to financially support the remainder of the cost of the expansion, including the parking lot and infrastructure. The committee intends to continue fundraising after the \$3.5 million has been reached.

After Board discussion, Commissioner Schwartz moved that the Park District commit \$2.5 million to the project and re-affirm the Board’s commitment to the project. The Park District also has the option to approve additional money when fundraising reaches or exceeds \$4 million. Should the donations fall short of \$4 million, the District would have the discretion to re-evaluates its funding or scope of the project. Commissioner Beattie seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Schwartz and Beattie. Nays: Commissioners Starck, Munson and President Jeske. The motion failed.

Commissioner Munson moved that the Park District commit \$3.5 million to the project and re-affirm the Board’s commitment to the project. The Park District also has the option to approve additional money when fundraising reaches or exceeds \$3.5 million. Should the donations fall short of \$3.5 million, the District would have the discretion to re-evaluates its funding or scope of the project. Commissioner Munson also clarified that the Park District would be responsible for the site work and parking lot. Commissioner Starck seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Starck, Munson and President Jeske. Nays: Commissioners Schwartz and Beattie. The motion carried.

Commissioner Starck and Executive Director Bina reviewed the proposed Park District management of select Burleigh County park properties. Commissioners expressed their desire to consider a longer term of the proposed agreement (from five years to ten years), determine how the Extension Service parcel of land would be handled, and concerns about the funding mechanism when the Park District would be investing in people, equipment and property. Commissioner Beattie moved that the Board support the concept presented and authorized staff to develop final documents for review and consideration by the Board at the November Park Board meeting. Commissioner Starck seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Schwartz, Beattie, Starck, Munson and President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Michael Gunsch from Houston Engineering provided the Board with an update on the slope failure along Hay Creek and requested the Park District’s participation in a geotechnical

investigation. The Park District's share would be \$12,436. Commissioner Beattie moved approval of the Park District's share of the study, contingent upon receipt of a grant by the Burleigh County Water Resource District. Commissioner Munson seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Schwartz, Beattie, Starck, Munson and President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

President Jeske reviewed the items on the consent agenda as follows:

- Review and approval of the September 10, 2015 Board meeting minutes.
- Request Board authorization to call for field lighting bids at Haaland Park as part of the 2016 budget.
- Request Board authorization to call for bids to replace refrigeration equipment and flooring at the VFW Sports Center Rink #1 and Curling Rink.
- Board authorization to call for bids on the 2016 Activity Schedule, 2016 maintenance equipment and golf cars and 2016 fertilizer needs.

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

Commissioner Beattie moved approval of bills for payment with checks 183968 to 184577 and 371954 to 372678. Commissioner Starck seconded the motion and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Schwartz, Beattie, Starck, Munson and President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held on November 19, 2015 at 5:15 pm at the Tom Baker meeting room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.