

Public Park Story - 2013

They named it Riverside Park
On the banks of the Mighty Missouri River in Bismarck, North Dakota
Nature had planted Cottonwood trees so long ago
Flooding every spring made for carpet of grass to grow
Oh the beauty and majestic acts of creation
Have become a sanctuary of relaxation for our community
The abundance of shade and open spaces made for gathering place
Playground for recreation, picnics, and rest
What a choice spot it is to enjoy the outdoors, near the river

Bismarck Sertoma Club came into being in the late 50's

Soon to be a club project in making it more user friendly to the public
100 plus Picnic Tables with benches were built by the Club members
Shelters were built by club members
Playground Equipment was helped paid for by the club through the park
Restrooms were added

Bismarck Sertoma Community Center was built for indoor use
With Club participation and other government agencies for funding
Trees were planted with new varieties of growth for the sandy soil
Providing continued shade for this beautiful park
The name soon became Sertoma- Riverside Park
Later and now is Sertoma Park

Filled with so many opportunities and activities to play and relax
Super-Slide Entertainment – so reasonably priced for families to enjoy
Horse Shoe Complex Volley Ball Courts – Walking Trails
Nature Trails – Tennis Courts – Softball Diamonds along the park
Magnificent Dakota Zoo our next door neighbor
Sandy Beaches along the Missouri River
Make this truly a Sanctuary for all ages in our community

Bismarck Sertoma Club is a great supporter of Bismarck Park Recreation

The wonderful partnerships in so many outdoor and indoor activities
Making Bismarck one great place to live and enjoy family and friends
What a place to discover nature in our Parks

Grateful to the Park District Board and the Operating Staff
Caring for the grounds and upkeep of our Parks and Recreational facilities

This is my story – Don Walz Sertoman for over 40 years, who grew up
In this beautiful city that believes in the value of Public Parks