

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
April 17, 2025

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on April 17, 2025 in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. President Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Commissioners Herzog, Jeske, and Redmann were present. Commissioner Gilbertson was absent. The pledge of allegiance was said.

Commissioner Herzog moved to approve the agenda with the addition of one item – Request Authorization to Call for Bids. Commissioner Jeske seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

City Forester Christy Ames-Davis appeared before the Board as the featured partner and program.

Golf Operations Manager Tim Doppler appeared before the Board to review the opening of the golf courses.

City Engineer Gabe Schell appeared before the Board to provide an update on the potential South Bismarck flood control project.

Chris Geiss with the Dakota Junior Golf Association provided information on a potential entrance sign at the Sheila Schafer Junior Links, and if approved by the Board, an updated advertising agreement. Commissioner Jeske moved to approve the proposed sign and the updated advertising agreement. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Redmann, Jeske and President Zimmerman. Abstain: Commissioner Herzog. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Executive Director Klipfel reviewed a proposal from the city of Center as they are interested in relocating the Lewis and Clark statues from Keelboat Park to Center. Commissioner Jeske moved approval for the Park District to donate the statues to the city of Center and directed staff to develop an agreement for this donation, including language about recognizing the District for its donation. Commissioner Herzog seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

The proposed 2026-2028 strategic plan with additional proposed changes was reviewed by Executive Director Klipfel. Commissioner Redmann moved to approve the plan with changes as presented. Commissioner Jeske seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Redmann moved approval for the Park District to accept up to \$300,000 in funding from the Special Roads Fund for the General Sibley Park Road Project which would be completed in 2026. Commissioner Herzog seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Herzog moved to approve the following consent agenda:

- Consideration of March 20 and April 3, 2025 Board meeting minutes.
- Consideration of BLAST Fees for 2025-2026 school year due to the change in the bell ring schedule.
- Request to call for bids for VFW Sports Center doors.
- Request authorization to call for the following bids:
 - Painting interior of VFW Sports Center
 - Replace roof at World War Memorial Building
 - Elks Aquatic Center safety surface replacement
 - Tom O’Leary cart path phase I
 - BSC Aquatic and Wellness Center video board

Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Jeske moved to approve bills for payment with checks 408217 to 408227 and 218323 to 218514 along with bank drafts DFT001539 to DFT001548, EFTs 3316 to 3359 and direct deposits 85112 to 86023. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

A commissioner tour of parks and facilities will be held April 23, 2025, starting at 4:00 pm at the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District office. The next regular Board meeting will be May 15, 2025, at 5:15 pm in the Tom Baker Meeting Room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.