

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
April 16, 2026

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on April 16, 2026 in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. President Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. The pledge of allegiance was said. Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske and Redmann were present.

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

Bismarck Public Schools Superintendent Jeff Fastnacht appeared before the Board to review the upcoming bond referendum and its impact for Bismarck Park and Recreation District.

Bismarck Parks and Recreation District Recreation Manager RaNae Jochim introduced the four Bismarck Public School students that developed the two logos for the park district's 100th anniversary in 2027: Elias Abryzom, Calee Olson, and Maya Dewald from Century High School and Chloe Berger from Legacy High School.

Featured partners and programs were Carl Jackson from the Bismarck Rotary Club who provided an update on the Keep Bismarck Beautiful clean-up day scheduled for May 2, 2026 and Eric Bartsch with Bismarck Youth Baseball.

Commissioner Jeske moved to approve the low bid of \$2,449,000 submitted by CIMCO Refrigeration for the Schaumberg Arena refrigeration system. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to accept the bid provided by BSG Food Services to operate the concession stands at VFW Sports Center/Tom O'Leary Golf Course from September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2030 and the operating agreement. Commissioner Herzog seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to appoint Commissioner Redmann to serve on the committee to review the proposals that will be received for the recreation center feasibility study. Commissioner Jeske seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Redmann moved to adopt the 2027-2029 strategic plan as presented. Commissioner Jeske seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: April 16,

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

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the Initial Resolution for General Obligation Park Facilities Bonds in the maximum amount of \$6,000,000 for parking lot improvements.

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

Commissioner Jeske moved to approve the consultant agreement with KLJ for the parking lot projects associated with the general obligation bonds. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Redmann moved approval to call for bids for the parking lots projects. Commissioner Jeske seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the following consent agenda:

- Consideration of March 19, 2026 Board meeting minutes.
- Request to dispose of surplus equipment in the Park Operations Division.

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

Commissioner Jeske moved to approve bills for payment with checks 408411 to 408418, and 221068 to 221264 along with bank drafts DFT001708 to DFT001723, EFTs 3831 to 3868 and direct deposits 97999 to 98942. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. The nays being none, the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the executive director finalists. Commissioner Gilbertson moved to name Dave Leker and Josh Clevenger as the finalists and have President Zimmerman conduct reference checks. Commissioner Redmann seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Jeske, Redmann, and President Zimmerman. Nays: Commissioner Herzog. The motion carried.

There will be a special Park Board meeting on April 23, 2026 at 4:30 pm at the Park District Administrative Office. A tour of Park District facilities and parks will be held April 29, 2026 starting at 4:00 pm from the Park District Administrative Office. The next regular Board meeting will be held on May 21, 2026 at 5:15 pm in the Tom Baker Meeting Room. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.