

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

June 18, 2026

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on June 18, 2026, in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. President Zimmerman called the meeting to order at 5:15pm. The pledge of allegiance was said. Commissioners Gilbertson, Herzog, Jeske, and Redmann were present.

Commissioner Gilbertson moved to approve the agenda as presented. 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.

President Zimmerman welcomed Executive Director Dave Leker to the Park District.

Jennifer DeForest and Judi Swanberg appeared before the Board on behalf of the Riverwood Women's Golf Association as the featured partner and program.

Recreation Manager RaNae Jochim appeared before the Board to review the upcoming July Celebration calendar of events.

Commissioner Jeske moved to accept the apparent low bids of \$835,300 from Associated Pool Builders, Inc. and \$123,500 from Edling Electric, Inc. for the Wachter Wave Pool equipment upgrade. 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 to approve the following round two matching grants:

- \$7,500 to the Bismarck Horse Club and North Dakota Cutting Horse Association to replace the south arena's wood rail fence with a welded/panel fence.
- \$10,008.04 to Fastrax BMX to asphalt the balance bike track and update the facility's internet to meet streaming needs.
- \$677.45 to Teddy Roosevelt Family Day to purchase equipment and materials to support the Teddy Roosevelt Family Day event at McDowell Dam.

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 Jeske moved to appoint Dave Leker as Park District clerk. 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. Legal Counsel then administered the oath of office.

Commissioner Gilbertson approved the May 21, 2026 Board meeting minutes. 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 408427 to 408434, 221611 to 221865 along with bank drafts DFT001744 to DFT001760, EFTs 3917 to 3964 and direct deposits 99721 to 100548. 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.

Vice President Julie Jeske recognized President Mark Zimmerman who will be leaving the Board of Park Commissioners with the following proclamation:

Whereas, Mark Zimmerman, in his capacity as a member of the Board of Park Commissioners since 2018, has served the residents of the City of Bismarck in a most exceptional and splendid manner; and

Whereas, he has provided leadership that has greatly assisted in the growth and development of parks and recreation opportunities; and

Whereas, Mark Zimmerman has given freely of his time and special talents to the Park District of the City of Bismarck, greatly contributing to the cause of good government and a better community; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that such public service be recognized, publicly proclaimed and made part of the permanent record of the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Park District of the City of Bismarck and on behalf of the citizens of Bismarck, on this 18th day of June 2026, extend to Mark Zimmerman sincere thanks and grateful appreciation for service.

The next regular Board meeting will be held July 16, 2026, at 5:15pm in the Tom Baker Meeting Room. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm.