

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
April 15, 2021

The Board of Park Commissioners held their regular meeting on April 15, 2021 in the Tom Baker meeting room of the City/County Building. President Jeske called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Commissioners Gilbertson, Jordan, Munson, and Zimmerman were present.

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

Deputy Chief Randy Ziegler appeared before the Board on behalf of the Bismarck Police Department as the Featured Partner and Program.

Mike Herzog, BNSF Railway Director of Bridge Maintenance, made a presentation to the Board regarding the status of developing the plan to build a new rail bridge over the Missouri River.

Margie Zalk Enerson, representing Friends of the Rail Bridge, provided information to the Board on their efforts to save the current rail bridge.

Commissioner Zimmerman moved that the Park District issue a statement of support of the efforts of Friends of the Rail Bridge. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Commissioner Munson moved that the Park Board table any further discussion on the topic of the rail bridge for up to six months. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Jordan, Zimmerman, and Munson. Nays: President Jeske. The motion carried.

Brad Krogstad from KLJ reviewed the bids received for the development of Silver Ranch Neighborhood Park. The bids have been reviewed and approved by the Bismarck City Commission as they are being funded through the Neighborhood Parks and Open Space Policy. Commissioner Munson moved to approve the following low bids from Northwest Contracting for a total of \$669,735.30:

- Schedule 1 Base Bid: \$447,341.50
- Schedule 2 Base Bid: \$150,919.55
- Schedule 2 Alternate 1: \$71,474.25

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

Jeff Ubl from Ubl Design Group provided the Board with an update on the construction of the new maintenance facility.

President Jeske reviewed the following items on the consent agenda:

- Review and approval of March 18, 2021 Board meeting minutes.
- Request to hold deer and turkey archery hunting program on City/Park District properties.

- Request Board authorization to apply for Garrison Diversion Recreation Grant for the Sertoma Fitness Improvements Project, a portion of the construction costs for the Tom O’Leary Tennis Court restroom project and a picnic shelter replacement at Steckel Boat Landing as well as an America the Beautiful Grant for additional trees at Riverwood Golf Course.
- Consultant agreement to extend Pebble Creek Golf Cart Paths with Apex Engineering.
- Review and approval of ice user agreements with the following:
  - Bismarck Public Schools
  - Bismarck Hockey Boosters
  - Bismarck Figure Skating Club
  - Bismarck Sports Group
  - Capital Curling Club
- Consideration of BSC Aquatic and Wellness Center Use agreements with:
  - Bismarck Public Schools
  - Bismarck Aquatics and Fitness, Inc.

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

Commissioner Munson moved to approve the bills for payment with checks 407107 to 407118 and 204585 to 204786 along with bank drafts DFT000935 to DFT000945, EFTs 1253 to 1291 and direct deposits 36616 to 37428. Commissioner Gilbertson seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Jordan, Zimmerman, Munson and President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

President Jeske stated that the Board may choose to pass a motion to go into executive session to formulate contract negotiation strategy and instruction to negotiators for a possible acquisition of the currently leased portion of Lion’s Park. The Park Board has the authority to go into executive session for this purpose pursuant to NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9).

Commissioner Jordan moved to go into executive session. Commissioner Munson seconded the motion, and the voting went as follows: Ayes: Commissioners Gilbertson, Jordan, Zimmerman, Munson and President Jeske. The nays being none, the motion carried.

The executive session was called to order at 7:08 pm. Those present were President Jeske, Commissioners Gilbertson, Jordan, Zimmerman and Munson, Executive Director Randy Bina, Administrative Services Manager Julie Fornshell, Legal Counsel Connie Hofland, Community Relations Manager Dana Schaar Jahner, Operations Director David Mayer, Facilities and Programs Director Kevin Klipfel, Finance Director Kathy Feist and city of Bismarck Engineer Gabe Schell.

The executive session was held to formulate and give guidance on contract negotiation strategy and instruction to negotiators for a possible acquisition of the currently leased portion of Lion’s Park. The Park Board has the authority to go into executive session for this purpose pursuant to NDCC Section 44-04-19.1(9).

The executive session ended at 8:18 pm. The members of the Board only gave guidance to negotiators during the executive session. No final action was taken by the Board on this issue.

The Board of Park Commissioners will have a park tour on April 20, 2021, starting at 4:00 pm. The tour will start at the Park District Office located at 400 East Front Avenue, Bismarck, ND. The next regular Board meeting will be held May 20, 2021 at 5:15 pm in the Tom Baker Meeting Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.