

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF OCTOBER 4, 2022**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fargo Park District office at 701 Main Avenue, Fargo, North Dakota and via Microsoft Teams. Present at the meeting in person were Commissioners Dawn Morgan, Joe Deutsch, Vicki Dawson and Aaron Hill. Present at the meeting via Microsoft Teams was Commissioner Jerry Rostad Also present were: Dave Leker, Broc Lietz, Carolyn Boutain, Brian Arett, Kevin Boe, Dave Bietz and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Aaron Hill seconded a motion to approve the following actions on the consent agenda:

- (a) The minutes from the September 6, 2022 meeting;
- (b) The September 2022 bills;
- (c) Order of the Agenda;
- (d) Approve and award the bid for Cornerstone Bank Arena LED light upgrades to Kody's Electric in the amount of \$92,447.92.
- (e) Approve the purchase of four replacement vans for Valley Senior Services through North Dakota State Contract #375 for a total cost of \$155,392.00.
- (f) Approve request for request to begin the re-organization process for the Fargo Park District as recommended by Phase 1 of the Strategic Plan;

Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Each Director presented on this matter and provided an informational update to the Board on their respective department. No action was taken on this matter.

Presentation of Part 2 of the Pre-Design Study for Phase II of Fargo Park Sports Complex

Dave Leker and Rob Remark from JLG Architects presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that Phase II amenities would include 4 hardwood courts, 2 sheets of ice, 2 community rooms, 6 pickleball courts, indoor play area with 4 associated birthday rooms, backup generator to provide power and lower utility rates for the entire facility. It was noted that the total approximate cost would be \$53,196,707.00 but that the architects and construction team will continue to look for opportunities to reduce costs by merging Phase 1 and Phase 2.

At 6:00 the regular meeting was adjourned and the budget hearing was opened. There was no public comment at the budget hearing and was closed at 6:02.

Approval of the 2023 Budget

Dave Leker and Broc T. Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that at the August 2, 2022 meeting a preliminary budget was approved by the Board and Park District staff went to work fine tuning the budget. It was noted that the 2023 mil levy will be 38.41 up from 33.86 in 2022. It was noted that the 4.55 mil increase would be a 1 mil increase to the general fund and a special assessment increase of 3.55 mils. It was noted that there would be a 5% pay increase for full time employees and an 18% increase for seasonal employees due to the current work environment.

Commissioner Morgan noted that she wants to make sure that other assets of the Park District are not being neglected in favor of the Sports Complex. Commissioner Rostad noted that he doesn't believe anything will be neglected and that there are many opportunities for the Park District moving forward. Commissioner Dawson noted that the Sports Complex will include several community related activities and events. Commissioner Hill noted that he wants to see the Park District continue to partner with private businesses to move other projects forward. Commissioner Deutsch noted that the Park District obtained a substantial grant to fund a multi-media room at the Sports Complex and that the Sports Complex will be a location for adaptive programming that the Park District currently does not offer.

Commissioner Aaron Hill moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the 2023 Annual Budget as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Request to Advertise for Qualifications for Construction Manager at Risk for Phase II of Fargo Sports Complex

Dave Leker presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that with approving Phase II of the Sports Complex as part of the 2023 budget, the Park District needs to solicit bids for a construction manager at risk for Phase II. It was noted that final approval of the winning bidder would be granted at the November 15, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the request to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Construction Manager at Risk for Phase II of the Fargo Sports Complex. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed 3-0 unanimously.

At the conclusion of the above agenda items, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and upon unanimous consent the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Dave Leker, Clerk