

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF OCTOBER 1, 2024**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fargo Park District office at 6100 38th Street South, Fargo, North Dakota and via Restream. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Aaron Hill, Jerry Rostad, Joe Deutsch and Vicki Dawson. Also present were: Jayne Gust, Susan Faus, Dave Bietz and attorney Jeffrey Gunkelman.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Vicki Dawson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the following actions on the consent agenda:

- (a) The minutes from September 10, 2024 meeting;
- (b) The September 2024 bills;

Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Members of the public were afforded the opportunity to discuss issues with the Board.

Director's Report

Susan Faus presented this matter and provided an informational update to the Board on the respective departments. No action was taken on this matter.

Valley Senior Services Presentation

Paul Grindeland presented to the Board on the history and services provided by Valley Senior Services and its relationship with the Park District.

Approval of Purchase of Heritage Hills Lots

Dave Bietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the Park District was deeded several lots in the Heritage Hills development in 2017 from Cass County. It was noted that currently two lots remain owned privately by the Hartel family. It was noted that recently the Hartel family reached out to the Park District about selling the remaining two lots to the Park District for the total sum of \$3,000.00. It was noted that the park area is one of the Park District's nature parks.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the purchase of the two lots in Heritage Hills from the Hartel family as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2025 Budget

Broc Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the 2025 general fund budget is balanced representing revenue and expenditures of \$38,436,718. It was noted that the budget accounts for a balanced debt service of \$10,372,049 and a balanced Valley Senior Services budget of \$7,387,214. It was noted that the 2025 budget calls for a mill levy increase of 1.51 mills for a total general fund mill level of 35.59 mills. It was noted that the approximate breakdown of use of the funds are: 40% to Parks and Maintenance; 15% to administration; 31% to debt service; and 14% for recreation, events and pools.

Commissioner Jerry Rostad moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the Fargo Park District 2025 annual budget as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

No action was taken on this matter. The Budget Hearing was closed at 6:25 pm

Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk