

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF JUNE 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 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, Joe Deutsch, Zoé Absey, Jerry Rostad and Vicki Dawson. Also present were: Susan Faus, Dave Bietz, Jane Gust, and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Jerry Rostad moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. 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 the May 13, 2025 meeting;
- (b) The May 2025 bills;
- (c) Approval of bid from Trenchers Plus in the amount of \$89,214.00 for the purchase of the Forestry Brush Chipper;
- (d) Approval of Staff Accountability Policy;
- (e) Approval of Public Comment Period Policy;
- (f) Approval of bid from Gast Construction Co. in the amount of \$223,800.00 for the Jack Williams Stadium infield wall stabilization project;
- (g) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for construction of maintenance of Selkirk Development or Clay Hector Park;

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.

Approval of Broadway Square Block 9 Plaza Management Agreement

Susan Faus presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the Agreement is for a term of 10 years, that the Park District shall manage the winter programming and ice rink; that the Downtown Community Partnership shall manage the summer programming; that the Park District shall contribute \$60,000.00 annually for summer programming and the right to use of the Plaza for at least 4 events; that the Park District will own and maintain the ice rink equipment; that the Park District will control social

media accounts for the Plaza in coordination with the Downtown Community Partnership; and that a governance committee will be formed for overall management of the Plaza.

Rocky Schneider from the Downtown Community Partnership stated that he has been excited about this Agreement and appreciates that there has not been a formal agreement in place for over a year but activities and events have held. Commissioner Dawson stated that partnerships with community organizations are always a good thing. Commissioner Rostad and Commissioner Deutsch personally thanked Rocky Schneider for his efforts in driving this Agreement to completion. Commissioner Hill noted that the Plaza is an important and vital piece to the community so excited about this Agreement.

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the Management Agreement between Block 9 Partners, Downtown Community Partnership and Fargo Park District, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2026 Fees

Susan Faus provided overall comments related to the fee process. The Park District analyzed the costs associated with running the programs and operating facilities, the recovery costs associated with facilities, how the Park District should balance recovering costs through fees verse taxes, a market comparison of regionally and local competitors; programming trends, facility equipment costs, and other factors when setting the 2026 fees.

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2026 Sports Center Fees

Kali Mork presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the fee proposals for the Sports Center run from June 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027. It was noted that for most part the fee increases were minimal with turf and the community room being the exceptions. It was noted that turf and community room rates are well below market rates but that the Park District will increase those rates over a period of years. It was noted that the budget for the Sports Center is still an educated guess because it is still so new.

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the 2026 Sports Center Rate Recommendations, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

2026 Courts Plus Community Fitness Membership and Additional Fee Rates

Kelly Kisell presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the membership fees would increase by 3%. It was noted that the proposal calls for an increase in non-member rates to create a larger gap between members and non-members.

Commissioner Jerry Rostad moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the 2026 Courts Plus Community Fitness Membership and additional fees, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

2026 Proposed Golf Fees

Rocky Papachek presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that daily green rates are proposed to increase by 4%, that season passes will increase by 6% (except senior passes which will be 4%), no increase in range buckets or foot golf. It was noted that over the next year the Park District will take a hard look at rates and packages for 2027 rates.

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the 2026 Proposed Golf Fees, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

2026 Valley Senior Services Proposed 2026 Fees

Paul Grindeland presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that VSS proposes keeping its fees consistent without any increases. It was noted that VSS serves 900 meals per day with 500 meals being delivered through meals on wheels.

Commissioner Jerry Rostad moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the 2026 Valley Senior Services fees, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Governance Committee Update

Commissioner Dawson presented to the Board on updates from the previous Governance Committee meeting. No action was taken.

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 6:40 p.m.

Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk