

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, 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 Stacey Griggs, Vicki Dawson, Dawn Morgan, and Jerry Rostad. Present at the meeting via Microsoft Teams was Commissioner Joe Deutsch. Also present were: Dave Leker, Broc Lietz, Carolyn Boutain, Brian Arett, Dave Bietz, Kevin Boe, and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- (a) The minutes from August 3, 2021 meeting;
- (b) The August 2021 bills;
- (c) Order of the Agenda;
- (d) Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with City of Fargo as it relates to 2nd Street North Floodwall Project
- (3) Approval and award of bid for Osgood Golf Course Driving Range Improvements to Accelerated Green Works, Inc. for a total bid amount of \$73,710.00.

Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Director's Report

Dave Leker presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the Park District sent out requests for proposals for strategic planning and received two proposals. There was a discussion surrounding vaccination rates amongst Park District staff.

Foundation Director's Report

Brian Arett presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the Foundation is moving forward with strategic planning for the future of plans and goals of the Foundation.

River Keepers Presentation

Christine Holland, executive director of the River Keepers, presented to the Board on this matter as part of an ongoing series of Park District User Groups providing the Board and the public with information about the program. It was noted that the program started in 1990 with a mission to advocated for safe and sustainable use of the Red River. It was noted that the program hoses events, monitors water conditions, and annually does Reforest the Red, where this year the goal is to plant over 3,000 trees.

No action was taken on this matter.

BUDGET HEARING

The regular meeting was closed at 6:00pm and the Budget hearing was opened. It was noted that the preliminary budget was approved at the August board meeting. It was noted that this was the time and place for public input regarding the budget. Broc Lietz noted that he received one phone call regarding the budget. One member of the public spoke during the hearing requesting an explanation for the increase in mills.

No action was taken on this matter. The Budget Hearing was closed at 6:05 pm and the regular meeting continued.

Presentation of Island Park Survey Results

Dave Leker and Tony Wolf of Zerr Berg Architects presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that staff and Zerr Berg continued to survey the public regarding the Island Park Pool. It was noted that community meetings were conducted in neighborhoods surrounding the pool. It was noted that the three primary concerns from the neighborhood meetings were noise, parking, and general appearance of the pool. It was noted that the general public survey yielded similar results to the first survey. It was noted that the top three requested features for the pool were: lazy river, waterslides, and diving boards. IT was noted that the public preferred a 50 meter lap pool.

Commissioner Rostad noted that there is a difference between qualitative and quantitative data and responses. Commissioner Dawson noted that the neighborhoods appreciated their voices being heard. Commissioner Griggs noted that she had concerns about sightlines and how to incorporate features into the park area itself. Dave Leker noted that the pool project would be part of the 2022 budget which would set the maximum budget.

No action was taken on this matter.

Approval to Solicit Request for Qualifications for Island Park Master Planning Services, Request for Proposals for Construction Manager Agent and Design Services for Island Park Pool Renovations

Dave Leker presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that staff would like the Board to approve the soliciting of for requests for qualifications for Island Park Master Planning Services and Requests for Proposals for Construction Management Services and Requests for Proposals for Architectural and Engineering Design services related to Island Park Pool Replacement Project. It was noted that final approval for each firm would be granted at the October 5, 2021 Board meeting and pending the final approval of the 2022 budget.

Commissioner Stacey Griggs moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the soliciting for qualifications and proposals as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Proposed Changes to the Naming Policy

Carolyn Boutain presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that major additions to the policy included: (1) identifying facilities and programs that can be considered for naming; (2) guidelines for expectations; (3) terms for naming rights; (4) general standards; and (5) sponsorship acknowledgment.

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the changes to the Fargo Park District Policy for Naming Parks/Facilities presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed 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 7:00 p.m.

Dave Leker, Clerk