

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF JUNE 9, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fargo Park District office at 6100 38<sup>th</sup> Street South, Fargo, North Dakota and via Restream. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Jerry Rostad, Aaron Hill, Zoé Absey, Vicki Dawson, and Joe Deutsch. Also present were: Susan Faus, Dave Bietz, and Jayne Gust.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Aaron Hill moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

- (a) The minutes of the May 12, 2026, meeting;
- (b) The May bills;
- (c) Approval of City of Fargo 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridge Project as it relates to Jack Williams Stadium
- (d) Approval of Rose Creek Driving Range Improvements Project Bids
- (e) Approval of Bridge Maintenance Agreement in relation to pedestrian bridges across the Red River

Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comments**

Members of the public were afforded the opportunity to provide comment to the Board.

### **Director's Report**

Susan Faus updated the board on various Park District matters. No action was taken on this matter.

### **Garden of Healing Phase 2**

Dave Bietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that in the Spring of 2021, Sarah and Arlin Fisher approached the Fargo Park District seeking permission to a memorial garden in honor of their son while also raising awareness about organ donation. Approval was granted, and Urban Plains Park was selected as the project site. A groundbreaking ceremony was held in May 2021, followed by installation of the initial improvements, culminating with a dedication ceremony in October 2021 to celebrate completion of Phase 1 of the garden.

In April of this year, the Fishers informed staff that they had successfully secured funding necessary to fully complete Phase 2 of the project. Since that time, staff have been coordinating with the project contractors and have developed an agreement outlining the implementation of Phase 2 improvements. The agreement is also included with this memo.

Commissioner Aaron Hill moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the Agreement for construction of Phase 2 of the Garden of Healing as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Park Board Onboarding**

The Governance committee reviewed and discussed the final draft of the onboarding process for new Park Board Commissioners on May 20, 2026. Minor updates have been made to the Introductory Meeting section to ensure all Park District departments are included, along with additional time allotted for those meetings.

Commissioner Aaron Hill moved and Commissioner Zoe Absey seconded a motion to approve the Park Board Onboarding as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Governance Committee Update**

Commissioner Jerry Rostad presented to the Board on updates from the Governance Committee. He mentioned the changes to the Park Board Onboarding process. No action was taken on this matter.

### **Planning Committee Update**

Commissioner Vicki Dawson presented to the Board on updates from the Planning Committee. No action was taken on this matter.

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 6:34 p.m.

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Carmen Johnson, Executive Assistant