

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF
AUGUST 12, 2008**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2008, at 5:30 p.m., at the Fargo Park District office at 701 Main Avenue, Fargo, North Dakota. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Joel Vettel, Ron Sorvaag, Joe Deutsch, Barb Johnson and Mary Johnson. Also present were Roger Gress, Attorney Greg Selbo, Clay Whittlesey, Dave Leker, Jim Kapitan and Carolyn Boutain.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Barb Johnson moved and Commissioner Joel Vettel seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the regular July meeting. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously. Further, Commissioner Joel Vettel moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of July 2008 Bills

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Joel Vettel seconded a motion to approve the bills for July, 2008, as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve Order of Agenda

Commissioner Mary Johnson moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the order of agenda as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Metro COG to Request Board Approval of the Red River Greenway Study

Dave Leker and Justin Kristan from Metro COG presented to the board regarding a request for the board to approve the Red River Greenway Study. An executive summary was provided to the board.

It was noted that up to five bridges would be allowed for under the plan.

Commissioner Joel Vettel moved and Commissioner Mary Johnson seconded a motion to accept the findings in the Red River Greenway Study encouraging shared use of trail connectivity along the Red River corridor within the limits of the Fargo Park District. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Board to Consider Approval of Landscape Bid at the James Carlson Library Site

Dave Leker presented to the board. It was noted that bids were opened Monday, August 11, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. It was noted that the date was set due to the fact that plant material needed to be ordered and installed before the fall weather encroaches. A bid tab was included for the board's review. The board accepted a bid from Midwest Landscape in the amount of \$32,889.00.

Commissioner Barb Johnson moved and Commissioner Joel Vettel seconded a motion to approve the bid from Midwest Landscape in the amount of \$32,889.00. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Board to Review Letter to Homeowners and a Lease Agreement for Use of Buffer Property at Rheault Farm

Roger Gress addressed the board. It was noted that the facilities committee again reviewed this matter. There is approximately a 30 foot buffer zone owned by the Fargo Park District between the fence and the adjacent homeowners. The director has liability concerns regarding the matter if someone is hurt on the property.

Consequently, a proposed draft copy of a letter and a draft copy of a Lease Agreement was presented to the board for their consideration.

Commissioner Barb Johnson moved and Commissioner Joel Vettel seconded a motion to approve the letter and proposed Lease Agreement as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Board to Review Smoking Policy at Playgrounds

Joel Vettel presented to the board regarding this agenda matter. It was noted that this new proposed policy would be enforced by the Fargo Police Department. The Park District attorney presented a draft of a resolution proposing an amendment to the current Park Ordinances addressing smoking on or near the playground areas. A copy of the resolution was included in the meeting packet.

Commissioner Joel Vettel moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to accept the presented resolution as presented and to create a committee to deal with all smoking policies of the Fargo Park District going forward. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Commissioner's Monthly Salary

The above noted agenda item came up for consideration before the board. It was noted that the commissioners had not received any raise since the year 2000. It was noted that commissioner compensation was not in line with other local boards in the Fargo Moorhead area performing similar work. It was noted that the school board recently raised its compensation to \$750.00 per month.

This agenda item was tabled so that additional information could be gathered in regards to a board compensation study and would be re-evaluated at a later meeting.

Distribution of 2009 Preliminary Budget

Roger Gress distributed the preliminary budget for the year 2009. Mr. Gress further reviewed a few of the highlights in relation to said budget. This included reserving funds to pre-fund a new swimming pool within the district.

The budget will be further considered at upcoming meetings.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Christopher M. Kennelly