

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF JULY 12th, 2011.**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, July 12th, 2011, 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, Joe Deutsch, Mary Johnson, Barb Johnson and Ron Sorvaag. Also present was Roger Gress, Jim Larson, and Attorney Greg Selbo.

Approval of June Minutes

Commissioner Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Joel Vettel seconded for approval of the minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of June Bills

Commissioner Barb Johnson moved and Commissioner Ron Sorvaag seconded a motion to approve the bills for June, 2011, as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approve Order of Agenda

Commissioner Barb Johnson moved and Commissioner Ron Sorvaag seconded a motion to approve the order of agenda. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Presentation of Approval of Proposed Golf Fees for 2012

Jim Larson presented to the Board regarding the proposed golf fees for 2012. The Board reviewed a detailed schedule of proposed rates, it was noted that the fees had generally been adjusted by three percent (3%) to allow for inflation. It was noted that some daily green fees were not adjusted by three percent (3%) per the recommendation from staff the proposed green fees had been approved by the Golf Committee.

Commission Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Barb Johnson seconded a motion to approve the proposed 2012 golf rates as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Board to Consider Approval of Proposed 2012 Sports Field Usage Fees

Dave Leker presented to the Board regarding this matter. It was noted that staff was recommending usage fees be increased in 2012 by three percent (3%) per the consumer price index. The proposed fee increases have been approved previously by the Facility Committee.

Commissioner Joel Vettel moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded the motion to approve the proposed 2012 sports field usage fees as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Board to Consider Health Care Insurance Benefit Cost for Staff

Jim Larson presented to the Board regarding this matter. It was proposed that all would pay thirty percent (30%) of the cost of their plan, this was due to the fact that if this was not done the plan would be taxed as a Cadillac plan, a discussion with staff members had developed the concept that the cost payment would be implemented over three (3) years.

Commissioner Joel Vettel moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded the motion to approve a plan wherein staff would pay thirty percent (30%) of their health insurance cost implemented gradually in even increments over three (3) years. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Board to Consider Change in Indoor Playground Project

Kevin Boe presented to the Board regarding a change to the indoor playground project. It was noted that at the May meeting staff was directed to develop a plan to utilize the space on existing tennis court number seven (7) at Court's Plus. After further review, a new option has been developed to consider building the indoor playground as an addition to the southeast corner of the property.

The Board reviewed detailed designs and cost estimates that were presented at the meeting.

Jim Larson reviewed the finances for the project and noted that \$250,000 had been set aside for the project with the balance to be funded on a municipal lease.

Chad Knudson from Red River Tennis Patrons noted that his group approved the changed proposal. However, three (3) citizens: Ned Yahnke, Mr. Joseph and Larry Bosma noted that they were strongly against the project. They voiced their opinion that the cost of the project was too great and perhaps not necessary. A detailed discussion ensued with the Board and the citizens regarding their concerns.

Commissioner Barb Johnson moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to redirect staff to proceed with hiring an architect to pursue working on options for the indoor playground project. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded the motion that Barb Johnson be elected President. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Ron Sorvaag moved and Commissioner Barb Johnson seconded the motion that Joel Vettel be elected Vice President. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the above agenda items, the meeting adjourned.

Chris Kennelly