

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF
JUNE 13, 2006**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2006, at 5:30 p.m., at the Fargo Park District office at 701 Main Avenue, Fargo, North Dakota. Present at the meeting were Commissioners, Brad Wimmer, Tom Barnhart, Joel Vettel, Linda Inniger and Barb Johnson. Also present were Roger Gress, James Larson, Attorney Greg Selbo, Dave Leker, Kevin Boe, Clay Whittlesey and Carolyn Boutain.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Inniger moved and Commissioner Wimmer seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2006, regular meeting. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of May 2006 Bills

Commissioner Vettel moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded a motion to approve the bills for May, 2006. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Order of Agenda

Commissioner Vettel moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded a motion to approve the order of agenda, with the exception of an addition of agenda item 3.5 seating of new commissioners. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Seating of New Commissioners

Attorney Selbo addressed the Board of Directors to say that upon his research it appears that the board had acted prematurely in electing the officers prior to the new board members being seated. He recommended that the board rescind the election that was recently held regarding the officers and to hold the election again once the new board members have been elected.

Commissioner Wimmer moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded a motion to rescind the election of officers that was recently held and to have a new election of officers when the new board members are elected and sworn in at a special board meeting on June 27, 2006, at 1:30 p.m. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Woodhaven 5th Addition Amenities Plan

Jim Hinderaker, City Planner, presented to the board regarding the improvement of the amenities plan for Woodhaven 5th Addition. This agenda item had already been addressed in detail at the facilities commission. Roger Gress informed the board that this amenities plan would add benefits to the Park District as there is a trail system in the area that could be incorporated into the amenities plan of Woodhaven 5th Addition.

Commissioner Vettel moved and Commissioner Barnhart seconded a motion to approve the Woodhaven 5th Addition amenities plan as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Grant Requests for Fargo Senior Services, Section 5311 Transit Funding and Application for State and Public Transit

Paul Grindeland presented to the board regarding the above-delineated agenda item. It was noted that Fargo Senior Services would be applying for federal funding under the 5311 Transit Funding Application and for state and public transit dollars in a separate grant application.

Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Wimmer seconded a motion for the board to approve Grindeland making the grant request as noted above. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Osgood Agreement and Plat

Jim Larson and Kevin Christianson addressed the board regarding the approval of the Osgood Agreement and Plat. Kevin Christianson is paying for the new park in the plat and the amenities in the park as well. This plan has been reviewed and is being recommended by staff. This new park is being funded by lot fees set aside from the Osgood Addition.

Commissioner Wimmer and Commissioner Vettel seconded a motion to approve the Osgood Agreement and Plat as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Agreement for Urban Plains

Jim Larson and Greg Selbo presented to the board regarding approving the Agreement for Urban Plains. It was noted that within the Agreement for Urban Plains, it calls for a 30 acre park south of Famous Dave's. Further, it was noted that the developer needs to change the earlier agreement that was reached with the Park District. Further, the developer needs a plat signed so that they can proceed with their development of the project.

Next, the above-noted change was explained to the Commissioners as it is important for the Park District staff to make sure that they have preserved the bike/pedestrian trail at the Urban Plains Development if it is not developed as contemplated. The new agreement allows for such concerns to be addressed. The concerns are addressed that if the bike/pedestrian trail as presented does not come to fruition it will then grant a perpetual easement to the Park District for property immediately adjacent and west of 49th Street so that it will connect with the already owned property trail owned by the Park District.

Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Inniger seconded a motion to approve the Agreement with Urban Plains Development. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Requests from City of Fargo for the 52nd Avenue South Renovation and an Easement for a Bike Path at Osgood along the Sheyenne River

Roger Gress presented to the board regarding approving a request from the City of Fargo for the 52nd Avenue South Renovation and an easement for a bike path at Osgood along the Sheyenne River. Mr. Gress explained that the City of Fargo is requesting the Fargo Park District consider donating land needed for the 52nd Avenue South Renovation plan. In addition to that request, they are requesting an easement to allow for the recreation trail that will connect from the Osgood Development across the Sheyenne River to Fargo.

Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Inniger seconded a motion to approve the donation of land for the 52nd Avenue South Renovation and the Osgood easement for the recreation trail across the Sheyenne River as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of a Request for Bids for the Construction of the New Clubhouse at Edgewood Golf Course

Roger Gress and an architect, Michelle Allen, from JLG Architects addressed the board regarding approval of requests for bids for construction of the new clubhouse at Edgewood Golf Course. Architect Allen went through the evolution of the process and the design that has been settled upon that would allow for a larger kitchen and meeting area to accommodate the needs at the golf course.

Jim Larson then reported on the financial aspects of the project. Mr. Larson reported that the total estimated cost of the project is now at \$2.25 million. He stated that this would be partially paid for by approximately \$550,000.00 of funds that the Park District has on hand. It was noted that there would be no need to increase the mill levy in order to fund this project.

Commissioner Wimmer moved and Commissioner Johnson seconded a motion to approve requests for bids for the Edgewood Golf Course Clubhouse project. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Board Consideration of Approval of Recommended Deer Hunting Policy

Clay Whittlesey presented to the board regarding finalizing policy issues related to the deer hunting policy of the Fargo Park District. Further, he noted that he needed approval for the length of the season and needs approval for four properties to be involved in the program. Mr. Whittlesey was also looking for approval to authorize staff to hold a lottery for not more than 30 hunters to be authorized to hunt pursuant to the program.

The policy recommendations in detail are as follows:

1. To approve the four properties selected which include, Lemke Park, Lions Conservancy Park, North Oaks Park and Holm Park.
2. The length of the season to be from September 1, 2006, to January 31, 2007.

3. That a lottery be held to determine the successful applicants to hunt on Park District property and that the access to be controlled by FPD staff.
4. That no more than 30 hunters be allowed to hunt on Fargo Park District property during the 2006/2007 season.
5. That signs be placed adjacent to all hunting areas to notify the public of the hunting in the area.

Commissioner Vettel moved and Commissioner Wimmer seconded a motion to accept the deer hunting policy as set forth above. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Courts Plus Fees for 2006/2007

Kevin Boe presented to the board regarding approving the increased Courts Plus fees for 2006/2007. He noted that there would be an across the board 3.29% increase which equates to approximately a \$2.00 increase in the monthly fees for a membership. He also noted this would involve approximately \$60,000.00 of additional revenue. Further, he noted that an exception to the increase would be that youth guest fees would be raised to \$10.00 in order to encourage youth guests to become members rather than frequent guests at the lower price.

Commissioner Wimmer moved and Commissioner Inniger seconded a motion that the increase in 2006/2007 Courts Plus fees be approved as noted above. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Approve Golf Fees for 2007

Jim Larson addressed the board regarding the 2007 golf fee schedule. Mr. Larson further detailed to the board the golf fee that was proposed in the enclosed packet for the meeting. He is estimating inflation at 3.5% and has tried to adjust the fees accordingly in order to meet those increased costs.

Commissioner Johnson moved and Commissioner Inniger seconded a motion to approve the 2007 golf fees as presented to the board and included in the meeting packet. Upon call of the roll, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:50 p.m.

Christopher M. Kennelly, Clerk