

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF APRIL 14, 2026**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, April 14, 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 Aaron Hill, Zoé Absey, Vicky Dawson, and Joe Deutsch. Also present were: Susan Faus, Dave Bietz, Jayne Gust and Attorney Andrew Younker on behalf of Attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

**Approval of Amended Agenda**

Commissioner Joe Duetsch moved and Commissioner Zoé Absey seconded a motion to approve the amended agenda with the removal of the Presentation of the Northern Plains Botanical Garden Society. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

- (a) The minutes of the March 10, 2026, meeting;
- (b) The March bills;
- (c) Bid for the Longfellow Park Building Siding Improvement Project to Zulauf Construction in the amount of \$36,500.00.
- (d) Bid for South Maintenance Shop Drainage Improvement Project Bids to Western Excavation in the amount of \$37,708.00

Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments**

Members of the public were afforded the opportunity to discuss issues with the Board.

**Director's Report**

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

**2026 Playground Replacement Project Bids**

Tyler Kirchner and Kenna Krchnavy presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that there are three projects for consideration, Anderson/Tharaldson Complex, Points West Playground and Milwaukee Trail South Adventure Course. It was noted that the Park District involved the community in both the features and color schemes for the Parks. It was noted that the surveys totaled 680 engagements, and the Park District weighed the responses by proximity to the respective Park. It was noted that there were five total bidders for Anderson/Tharaldson Complex and Points West Playground, but only one bidder for Milwaukee Trail.

Commissioner Aaron Hills moved and Commissioner Zoé Absey seconded a motion to approve the 2026 Playground Replacement Project Bids as follows:

- For Anderson/Tharaldson Complex to Dakota Playground in the amount of \$350,000;
- For Pointe West to American Fence in the amount of \$188,537.00; and
- For Milwaukee Trails South to Webber Recreational in the amount of \$200,000.00.

Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously

#### **Governance Committee Update**

Commissioner Aaron Hill presented to the Board on updates from the Governance Committee. He mentioned a formal written Commissioner compensation policy. 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 5:53 p.m.

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Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk