

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF AUGUST 3, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, August 3, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fargo Park District office at 701 Main Avenue, Fargo, North Dakota and via Microsoft Teams. Present at the meeting in person were Commissioners Stacey Griggs, Vicki Dawson, Dawn Morgan, and Jerry Rostad. Present at the meeting via Microsoft Teams was Commissioner Joe Deutsch. Also present were: Dave Leker, Broc Lietz, Carolyn Boutain, Brian Arett, Dave Bietz, Kevin Boe, and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Jerry Rostad moved and Commissioner Stacey Griggs seconded a motion to approve the following actions on the consent agenda:

- (a) The minutes from July 13, 2021 meeting;
- (b) The July 2021 bills;
- (c) Approval and award of bid for Brunsdale Baseball Fencing Project to Dakota Fence in the amount of \$65,298.00.
- (d) Approval of both Joint Ownership and Use Agreement with Fargo Public Schools regarding Sullair Air Compressor.

Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Director's Report**

Dave Leker presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the Park District is moving forward with soliciting further public engagement for the Island Park pool project.

**Foundation Director's Report**

Brian Arett presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the Foundation is moving forward with strategic planning for the future of plans and goals of the Foundation.

**Urban Woods and Prairie Initiative Program**

Sarah Hewitt presented to the Board on this matter as part of an ongoing series of Park District User Groups providing the Board and the public with information about the program. It was noted that the Program started in 2016 with the goals of identifying parks along the Red River that could have restored habitats and the creation of new recreational opportunities for the community. It was noted that to date, the Program has enrolled 13 urban nature parks in Fargo totaling 308 acres with an additional 189 acres to be enrolled in upcoming years. It was noted that some of the recreational amenities associated with this program includes trail system, birding, hiking, kayaking, cross-country skiing, and snowshoe. It was noted that environmental engagement includes community science, pollinator garden planting, native seed harvest and birding walks.

No action was taken on this matter.

**Approval of Recommendation from Fargo Park District Foundation on Grant Match Applications**

Brian Arett presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the foundation received three applications and the Foundation Board was recommending only one for approval. The first application was from Red River Infinity Volleyball, Inc. to receive money for court rentals. It was noted that this does not fit within the criteria of the grant match program. The second proposal was from Green Infrastructure Design for reviewing structures within the Park District and develop an App for the Park District. It was noted that this does not fit within the criteria of the grant match program. The third application was from Tri-City United Soccer Club to purchase twenty additional soccer goals. It was noted that the goals would be available to public when the fields were not being rented by Tri-City. It was noted that the Foundation Board recommended approving this application.

Commissioner Jerry Rostad moved and Commissioner Dawn Morgan seconded a motion to approve the application to the grant match program by Tri-City United Soccer Club in an amount up to \$6,500.00 for the purchase of soccer goals. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Preliminary 2022 Budget**

Dave Leker and Broc Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that staff is presenting a balanced budget for 2022. It was noted that staff is requesting that the mil levy remain the same for the general fund. It was noted that the mil levy would be increasing for the two main capital projects: the Sports Complex and Island Park Pool. It was noted that these projects would primarily be funded through general bond obligations. It was noted that some of the primary additional expenses would include the equivalent of 3.5 full-time employment positions, a 4% raise for the compensation pool, a 7% increase in health insurance, \$1,600,000 increase in capital expenditures to maintain current facilities.

Commissioner Stacey Griggs moved and Commissioner Jerry Rostad seconded a motion to approve the Preliminary 2022 Budget. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

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 6:45 p.m.

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Dave Leker, Clerk