

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE FARGO PARK DISTRICT OF NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, November 9, 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 Joe Deutsch. Present at the meeting via Microsoft Teams was Commissioner Jerry Rostad. Also present were: Dave Leker, Broc Lietz, Carolyn Boutain, Brian Arett, Dave Bietz, Kevin Boe, and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- (a) The minutes from Minutes from the October 5, 2021 meeting;
- (b) The October 2021 bills;
- (c) Order of the Agenda;
- (d) The Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Fargo and the Fargo Park District regarding the Southwest Regional Pond;
- (e) The Zero Electric Motorcycle Agreement with the Fargo Police Department;
- (f) 2021 Audit Engagement Letter with Eide Bailly;

Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Recognition of Audience

Multiple individuals addressed the Board regarding experimental herd reduction in the Park District parks.

Director's Report

Dave Leker presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the lower road at Lindenwood would be utilized for the holiday light parade and that Santa would be present at Santa's Village for the holiday season.

Foundation Director's Report

Brian Arett presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that staff has been working toward revising the fundraising campaign for the Fargo Sports Complex.

Folkways Presentation

Joe Burgum of the Folkways 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 Folkways started in 2015 with a mission of building a community by creating shared experiences. It was noted that the organization has three primary events: Red River Market, Nigh Bazaar, and Christkindlmarkt.

No action was taken on this matter.

Approval of Request for Future Phases of Garden of Healing & Health at Urban Plains Park

Kevin Boe, Jodi Plecity, Sarah and Arlin Fisher all presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that Plecity and Fishers presented a conceptual design for Phase 2 of the Garden of Healing & Health at Urban Plains Park at the facilities meeting. It was noted that legal counsel has prepared a Memorandum of Understanding that gives the group the ability to fundraise for Phase 2 and construct Phase 2 if fundraising is successful. It was noted that the Park District will still have final approval on the design and that the parties would enter into a maintenance agreement.

Commissioner Jerry Rostad moved and Commissioner Stacey Griggs seconded the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Park District and Sarah Fisher, Arlin Fisher, Jodi Plecity, and Garden of Healing for Phase 2 of the Garden of Healing and Health as presented to the Board.. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Gift Agreement with Kost Family Regarding Naming a Shelter at Lindenwood Park

Dave Bietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the Kost Family desires to donate \$20,000.00 to the Park District to obtaining naming rights to a shelter at Lindenwood Park. It was noted that the Park District and the family will work to get a plaque installed at the shelter honoring Tony Kost.

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Dawn Morgan seconded a motion to approve the Gift Agreement with the Kost Family as it relates to the naming of a shelter at Lindenwood Park as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2022 Budget Adjustment

Broc Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that at the October Board meeting, the Board approved a motion to align the Island Park Pool replacement with the completion of the Island Park Master Plan, which allows the pool to open for the 2022 summer. It was noted that the Park District needs to make a budget adjustment for the 2022 annual budget to account for the operation of Island Park Pool and concessions. It was noted that the adjustment will not change the overall bottom line of the budget and the staff agreed that the Park District can delay the Osgood Irrigation project that is currently in the 2022 budget to account for the adjustment.

Commissioner Stacey Griggs moved and Commissioner Joe Duetsch seconded a motion to approve the 2022 Budget Adjustment as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Capital Projects Funding and Authorize Administration to Work with Construction Manager to Solicit bids for the Fargo Sports Complex.

Broc Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that construction costs for the Sports Complex currently total \$78.6 million but could increase by 10% if construction does not start in the Spring. It was also noted that the construction costs of Island Park Pool are currently estimated at \$16.9 million.

The total of the 2 projects is an estimated \$95.5 million. It was noted that current resources to date for the two projects total \$78.5 million and that administration has identified an additional \$13.2 million through estimated 2021 general fund carry over and ability to service additional debt without additional tax implications.

Commissioner Stacy Griggs moved and Commissioner Dawn Morgan seconded a motion to the capital projects funding model as presented and authorize administration to work with the construction manager to solicit bids for the Fargo Sports Complex. 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 7:00 p.m.

Dave Leker, Clerk