

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Park District of the City of Fargo was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. at the Fargo Park District office at 6100 38th Street South, Fargo, North Dakota and via Restream. Present at the meeting were Commissioners Joe Deutsch, Zoé Absey, Emily Secor May and Vicki Dawson. Also present were: Susan Faus, Dave Bietz, Jane Gust, and attorney Jeff Gunkelman.

Swearing in of new Board Members

Joe Deustch, Vicki Dawson, and Emily Secor May were sworn in as newly elected Park Board Commissioners.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Joe Deutsch nominated Commissioner Jerry Rostad as President and Commissioner Zoé Absey as Vice President. Upon call of the roll, the nominations passed unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Joe Vicki Dawson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- (a) The minutes the June 9, 2026 meeting;
- (b) The June 2026 bills; and
- (c) Transfer Agreement with Central North Dakota Steam Threshers, Inc.

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 presented this matter and provided an informational update to the Board on the respective departments. No action was taken on this matter.

High School Girls Flag Football Update

Randi Litchy presented to the Board about the successful first season of the high school girls flag football program offered by the Park District. No action was taken on this matter.

**Approval of Resolutions Creating Park Improvement District No. 2026-1
Madelyn's Meadows**

Broc Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted before the Board was the approval of five resolutions: (1) Resolution creating Park Improvement District 2026-1 of the Park District of the City of Fargo; (2) Declaration of Official Intent; (3) Resolution directing Engineer/Architect to prepare a report; (4) Resolution approving Engineer/Architect report; and (5) Resolution directing Engineer/Architect to prepare Plans and Specifications. It was noted that the Special Assessment Committee reviewed the proposed park and the proposed area upon which special assessments would be assessed to property owners and the Special Assessment Committee found a total benefit for the assessed properties of \$132,030,760.00. It was noted that the estimated total budget for the project is \$876,635.20, thus benefits of the park far outweigh the assessments to the neighborhood.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Emily Secor May seconded a motion to approve the resolutions creating Park Improvement District 2026-1 for Madelyn's Meadows, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Resolutions Creating Park Improvement District No. 2026-2
Selkirk 3rd Addition**

Broc Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted before the Board was the approval of five resolutions: (1) Resolution creating Park Improvement District 2026-2 of the Park District of the City of Fargo; (2) Declaration of Official Intent; (3) Resolution directing Engineer/Architect to prepare a report; (4) Resolution approving Engineer/Architect report; and (5) Resolution directing Engineer/Architect to prepare Plans and Specifications. It was noted that the Special Assessment Committee reviewed the proposed park and the proposed area upon which special assessments would be assessed to property owners and the Special Assessment Committee found a total benefit for the assessed properties of \$228,133,650.00. It was noted that the estimated total budget for the project is \$974,379.93, thus benefits of the park far outweigh the assessments to the neighborhood.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the resolutions creating Park Improvement District 2026-2 for Selkirk 3rd Addition, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bank Resolution

Broc Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that as a part in the change of officers for the next year, the signatories at the Park District bank needs to be updated to the new President.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the Bank Resolutions, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2027 Fees

2027 Proposed Fees for Programs Events Facilities and Pool Fees

Kevin Boe presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that youth programs would remain the same except for six specific programs which adjustments are being made for supply, staffing, or officiating cost increases. It was noted that adult programming would stay the same, except for eight specific programs which adjustments are being made for supply, staffing, or officiating cost increases. It was noted that there would be no change in the pool fees except that city of Fargo residents will receive a 10% discount on season passes.

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Emily Secor May seconded a motion to approve the 2027 Proposed Programs, Events, Facilities, and Pool Fees, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

2027 Proposed Golf Fees

Rocky Papachek presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that daily green rates are proposed to increase by 4%, It was noted that the Park District will remove the non-prime Monday through Thursday rate since all days are busy. It was noted that Non-Resident season passes will increase by 14% and that resident season passes will receive a 10% discount from the non-resident rate.

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Vicki Dawson seconded a motion to approve the 2027 Proposed Golf Fees, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

2026 Sports Center Fees

Kali Mork presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the Sports Center is going to switch to changing rates on January 1. It was noted that there are proposed decreases in rent to the multi-purpose room and shooting room. It was noted that there would be no increased fee for open play, hardwood courts, tournament room, concourses, birthday parties It was noted that there are proposed larger increases for turf rentals and the community room to get more in line with comparable market rates. It was noted that the Sports Center would remove non-prime fees but staff does recommend a 30% discount for certain spaces for the months of June, July and August.

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Emily Secor May seconded a motion to approve the 2027 Sports Center fees, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

2026 Courts Plus Community Fitness Membership and Additional Fee Rates

Kelly Kisell presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that staff is recommending eliminating the 12 month contract requirement and moving to month-to-month. It was noted that staff is proposing a 3% increase in fees. It was noted that the proposal calls for an increase in non-member rates to create a larger gap between members and non-members.

Commissioner Joe Deutsch moved and Commissioner Vicki Dawson seconded a motion to approve the 2027 Courts Plus Community Fitness Membership and additional fees, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval and first reading of Fargo Park Ordinances

Carolyn Boutain presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that staff and legal counsel reviewed the Fargo Park District Ordinances and are presenting revised and restated ordinances. It was noted that Park District worked alongside the City of Fargo and the Fargo Police Department to ensure that the police are willing and able to enforce the proposed ordinances. It was noted that if approved, this meeting would also constitute the first reading of the ordinances.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Emily Secor May seconded a motion to approve the Revised and Restated Ordinances of the Park District of the City of Fargo and for the Ordinance to be read as a first reading, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of 2025 Fargo Park District Audit

Broc Lietz presented to the Board on this matter. It was noted that the auditors issued an unmodified opinion and that no material weaknesses were identified as part of internal controls.

Commissioner Vicki Dawson moved and Commissioner Joe Deutsch seconded a motion to approve the 2025 Fargo Park District Audit, as presented to the Board. Upon call of the roll, the motion passed unanimously.

Governance Committee Update

Commissioner Vicki Dawson presented to the Board updates from the previous Governance Committee meeting. No action was taken.

Planning Committee Update

Commissioner Vicki Dawson presented to the Board updates from the previous Governance Committee meeting. No action was taken.

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 7:05 p.m.

Jeff Gunkelman, Kennelly Business Law, Clerk