

Mandan Park District  
Board Minutes  
March 25, 2013

The Board of Park Commissioners duly met in special session on Monday, March 25, 2013 at Park District Administrative offices. Those present were President Arenz, Vice President Porter, Commissioners Allan, Knoll, and Keller. Director Higlin and Accounting/HR Manager Niemiller were also present.

President Arenz called the meeting to order at 4:34pm. The only topic for discussion is how we plan on financing upcoming projects. President Arenz turned the meeting over to Director Higlin to provide an overview of our current debt, fund balances, and available mill levies in the general fund.

Vice President Porter provided an overview of the YMCA/Sanford project and the role of the park district. It was decided that the park districts role would be to assist in bringing a family oriented recreation center to Mandan. The park district will not participate in operations or ownership of the building. Motion by Vice President Porter and seconded by Commissioner Keller to purchase 7.25 acres of land south of Raging Rivers by allocating \$500,000 from the general fund and requesting \$1 million from the city of Mandan's visitor's fund. The YMCA would be required to contribute \$500,000 toward land costs. A roll call was taken with board members present all voting yes. Motion passes.

Director Higlin discussed the request from the Mandan Hockey Club to pursue another sheet of ice. The park district hired ICON Architects to provide construction costs for improvements to the All Seasons Arena and a new sheet of ice. Preliminary cost of a new sheet is \$5 million. Director Higlin provided the board with profit and loss statements from Minot and Fargo Park Districts who operate two sheets of ice. Director Higlin recommended that in order to make another sheet of ice possible, the park district would have to finance \$250,000 annually for twenty years. The hockey club would have to contribute \$125,000 annually towards the debt service in addition of increasing ice rent. The current budget estimate demonstrates that the arena would have to be subsidized \$200,000. It was recommended to continue discussions with ICON to provide actual construction costs.

Director Higlin recommended that we place discussion on refinancing the special assessments on the April agenda. Commissioner Knoll motioned to adjourn, seconded by Vice President Porter at 6:48pm. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn at 12:25pm by Vice President Porter and seconded by Commissioner Keller.



Clerk, Mandan Park District



President, board of Park Commissioners