

Mandan Park District

Retreat

Board Minutes

April 30, 2014

The Board of Park Commissioners duly met in special session on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at Park District Administrative offices. Those present were President Arenz, Vice President Porter, Commissioner Knoll, Keller, Allan, Director Higlin, and Leann Eckroth; Bismarck Tribune.

President Arenz called the meeting to order at 5:15pm, CDT. President Arenz reminded Commissioners that is a retreat and only discussion can take place. Any items that require board approval will be placed on the May agenda.

Director Higlin presented the 10 year general fund balance impacted by current debt and future debt capacity. Director Higlin presented the 2015-2017 strategic plan and how the impact of a \$5 or \$10 million sheet of ice would impact the general fund balance. The only way a second sheet of ice can be constructed is with a half-cent sales tax. In order for a half cent sales tax, the park board needs to approve, city commission has final authority to place on the ballot, and the citizens have to vote in approval of the half cent sales tax. A half-cent sales tax generates \$1.18 annually.

Director Higlin reviewed 2013 sales tax meetings with the commissioners and developed a list of projects that came out of the meetings.

- Construct one sheet or two sheet ice arena
- Dakota Star Gymnastic new facility
- Gym Space needs
- Renovate ASA
- DCP grandstands/bleachers
- Memorial Ballpark-dugouts
- Raging Rivers new attraction
- Field space for sb, bb, fast pitch, soccer
- Develop 47 acres

If we did a 15 year half cent sales tax, we would be able to address approximately \$17.7 million worth of projects.

Vice President Porter felt we needed to appoint a sales tax committee to discuss this matter further and invite two school board members and two city commissioners to participate in the discussion.

Motion Commissioner Knoll and seconded by Commissioner Keller to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. Motion passes.