

Mandan Park District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 2, 2015

The Board of Park Commissioners duly met in a special meeting on Monday, April 2nd, 2015 at Mandan Raging Rivers. Those present were President Arenz, Vice President Knoll, Commissioner Keller, Commissioner Allan and Commissioner Hatzenbuhler.

President Arenz called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 pm, CDT.

**New Business #1:** Director Higlin discussed the sales tax progress on the June 9, 2015 sales tax vote for the sports arena including 2 sheets of ice and space for Dakota Star Gymnastics. The total amount is \$22 million including the sports arena, relocating Farris Field and site improvements for the current Farris Field location for possible ball diamonds. If passed, this this will take approximately 21 years to pay off at the current sales level. It will be a .75% sales tax in addition to the current 6.5% sales tax Mandan has. It will take 1 ½-2 years to construct all. The new location for Farris Field is currently being researched and a decision would be made after the election. There will be public meetings on May 19<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup> and June 2nd at 6:30 pm. There will be 2 polling locations, the Braves Center and Spirit of Life. Hours will be 7:00 am-7:00 pm.

**New Business #2:** Director Higlin discussed the legal issues involved in the vote. The park's legal counsel, Arlen Ruff discussed that Park District employee and official cannot advocate a yes vote on the issue. They can only discuss the facts. No park district money or facilities can be used to advocate a yes vote. Director Higlin discussed user groups and that they can advocate a yes vote and get the information out. President Arenz discussed the role of the board.

**New Business #3:** Director Higlin requested approval by the board of a loan for the Universal Playground for \$300,000 with Dakota Community Bank. This would be for the donations that were pledged over 5 years, so the annual pledge payments would pay a majority of the loan payment. A motion was made by Vice President Knoll and second by Commissioner Keller to approve. Motion passes 4-0.

A motion was made to adjourn at 1:09 pm by Commissioner Allan and seconded by Vice President Knoll. Motion passes 4-0.

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Jason Arenz  
President, Board of Park Commissioner

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Cole Higlin  
Clerk, Mandan Park District