

Mandan Park District
Board Meeting Minutes
August 10, 2015

The Board of Park Commissioners duly met in regular session on Monday, August 10th, 2015 at Mandan City Hall. Those present were President Arenz, Vice President Knoll, Commissioner McPherson, and Commissioner Allan. Commissioner Hatzenbuhler was not present.

President Arenz called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 pm, CDT. President Arenz asked for approval of the minutes for July 13th, 2015 regular meeting and July 29th, 2015 special meeting. Motion was made by Vice President Knoll, seconded by Commissioner Allan. Motion passes.

Old Business:

- 1.) Cole Higlin reported that the final draft was presented to the school board at their retreat and have come to an agreement. Cole talked to Dr. Bitz, 2 school board members, along with Commissioner Allan and Commissioner Hatzenbuhler to air out any concerns. The agreement is to utilize each other's facilities between school and the parks. They added Item C which is a facility advisory board which consists of 2 park board members, 2 school board members, 2 administrative reps from both (which would be Dr. Bitz and Cole Higlin) and a member at large which is jointly appointed to represent the citizens group. The board will meet once a year to approve the expenditures of the long term maintenance. Each group will put in \$40,000.00 annually to be used solely for the maintenance of these 3 groups:
 - a. Mandan Aquatic Center
 - b. Mandan Sports Complex
 - c. All Seasons Arena
- 2.) In addition to the Sports Complex, we would not pay \$75,000.00 annual lease to the Mandan Aquatic Center. We would no longer pay for the lease to use the pool. In addition to the \$750,000.00, (\$75,000 over 10 years), we will get 1.25 million on September 1st for lease agreement for 10 years to use the Mandan Sports Complex.
- 3.) Ice Rent will still remain the same. Dave Frueh, Recreation Manager, will continue to pay for the use of the All Seasons Arena.
Scheduling will be done with the school and park district.

Commissioner McPherson made a motion to approve the facilities usage agreement between the Mandan Park District and the Mandan School District, seconded by Vice President Knoll. Motion passes.

New Business:

- 1.) Cole Higlin introduced Bruce Schirado, Chairman of the Mandan Rodeo Committee and Bruce Strinden, former Rodeo Chairman and Morton County Commissioner. There is a request from the Rodeo Committee to ban public fireworks at the Dacotah Centennial Park. Cole reported there was a Dacotah Centennial advisory board meeting to review the letter. The Mandan Rodeo Committee asked the park board to consider the ban, particularly at Dacotah Centennial Park, where it would like fireworks only to be allowed on July 3rd and 4th. Bruce Schirado, president of the Mandan Rodeo Committee, said the

committee will still apply for the display permit for the public fireworks. Bruce Schirado commented that we have had fireworks shot into the horses. We have lost contestants. We had a world champion rider who said he won't come back. He said he'd never seen anything like it. Although no one has reported an injury to their horse, some of them have been traumatized, according to Bruce Schirado. These are some of the best athletes from all over the world - both the riders and the horses - and this is a totally different atmosphere for them. Some of these horses cost \$100,000 or more. Past rodeo Chairman Bruce Strinden is concerned about the rodeo's future because of the fireworks, and that top contestants now won't go to Mandan. The Rodeo Committee would like to keep the fireworks going but in a professional way.

Motion made by Vice President Knoll to approve fireworks being shot off by a professional from the rodeo with a permit and all other fireworks would have to come to be approved with a permit from the City of Mandan and the Mandan Park District. Also included in the motion is to have Attorney Ruff draft an ordinance that would ban all fireworks from Mandan Park District property, seconded by Commissioner Allan. Motion passes.

- 2.) Cole Higlin is asking for the approval of the contract with Northwest Contracting and has been reviewed by Attorney Ruff. Motion by Vice President Knoll to approve awarding Northwest Contracting to be the construction management at risk with the 2.5% and no fee for the preconstruction design, seconded by Commissioner McPherson. Motion passes.
- 3.) Cole Higlin and Attorney Ruff are still working with the land owners to get the final purchase agreement for the Mandan Sports Complex. It is completed, but needs to have the finalized numbers in the agreement before submitting. There are no issues with pricing or the land costs. Motion made by Commissioner McPherson to award Terracon to do the soil testing and environmental phase not to exceed \$12,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Allan. Motion passes.
- 4.) Cole Higlin reported on the update for the interest rate approval for the land. Heide Delorme, Accounting Manager, solicited proposals from local bank institutions for the loan to acquire the land. BNC Bank was the lowest at 2.65% for an 8 year loan for \$700,000.00. Heide also suggested putting \$150,000.00 down. Motion was made by Commissioner Allan to go with BNC at 2.65% for an 8 year loan for 700,000.00, seconded by Commissioner McPherson. Motion passes.

Parks Department Update: Mike Zerr reported on the progress of the Eagles Park. The roofing material is being put on the multipurpose building. The Universal Playground is getting close, probably will be up and running in about 3 weeks.

Recreation/Facilities Department Update: Dave Frueh reported that Mike Zerr's crew started the process at the baseball complex putting the dirt and the sprinklers in the area. Probably see grass in September. At this time, there is not enough money for all

the dirt, but have enough to get started. Bowers Excavating will be delivering dirt in the next couple weeks. Fall Registration has started for sports.

Golf Department: Brad Olson reported that the season is doing well. With the super-hot days, golfing slows down. Brad has held many major events at the golf course.

Raging Rivers/Marketing Department: Kara Haff reported that the final day Raging Rivers Waterpark will be open is August 30th, 2015. The hours will be changing with the end of the season coming and the workers are going back to school. The closures have gone way down from last season which is very good for the Waterpark.

Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Allan, starting in October, has a conflict with his work and the time of the Board Meetings. He would like to change the time to 5:30pm instead of the regular time of 4:30pm. Commissioner Hatzenbuhler was not present, so it is suggested to wait for the October meeting to discuss this issue.

Authorize payment of the monthly bills: A motion by Vice President Knoll, seconded by Commissioner McPherson; motion passes.

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Public Hearing: President Arenz addressed the preliminary budget reading of Ordinance No.

1045 making appropriations for expenditures of the Park District of the City of Mandan, North Dakota. Motion was made by Commissioner McPherson to approve the preliminary budget, seconded by Commissioner Allan. Motion passes.

Next upcoming regular meeting will be September 9th, 2015 at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:24 pm motion by Commissioner McPherson, and seconded by Vice President Knoll.

Jason Arenz
President, Board of Park Commissioner

Cole Higlin
Clerk, Mandan Park District