

Mandan Park District
Special Board Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2015

The Board of Park Commissioners duly met in regular session on Wednesday, February 25th, 2015 at Park Administrative office. Those present were President Arenz, Vice President Knoll, Commissioners Keller, Allan, Hatzenbuhler, and Director Higlin.

President Arenz called the meeting to order at approximately 11:30 pm, CDT. President Arenz reminded everyone that only the topics on the agenda are what we can discuss.

Director Higlin provided an overview of the ground lease with the Family Wellness Center LLC. Director Higlin stated that we are unable to approve the lease today do to last minute changes from the Family Wellness committee. Director Higlin highlighted the area of the non-compete clause has been removed as directed and that it would be a 50year lease for one dollar. The city of Mandan has submitted an Attorney General opinion in regards to any concerns associated with a one dollar lease. This request was on behalf of the Mandan Park District to be proactive in case there are any public concerns associated over the lease term and amount.

Director Higlin provided an overview of the site plan at Eagles Park where the new multipurpose building and universal playground will be constructed. Eagles Park has two large easements running through the property that only allows us to construct both projects in the North West corner of property. We will have to relocate the sand volleyball court to Legion Park and remove the ice skating rink. The universal playground will be located on the skating rink site and the multi-purpose building will be located north of the larger shelter. Currently we have raised \$360,000, secured 350 yards of concrete at cost, and labor of the concrete as a donation. Bids will be opened on March 4 for the universal playground and presented at our March 9 board meeting for final approval. The timeline for the multi-purpose building is to advertise March 17, bid opening April 9, and approved at the April 13 board meeting. There are a couple of items that are not included in the project cost; donor signage and concrete walkways between parking lot and construction projects.

Director Higlin updated everyone as to potential project list for the sales tax initiative that we have been working on since April 2013. The project tentatively consists of \$15 million for two sheet ice arena, \$4-\$5 million for a new football and track, \$1 million for renovating existing Faris Field site to ball diamonds, \$15 million for city hall and fire station. On March 9, we would have a joint city/park commission meeting to discuss the project list and March 17 would be the city commission meeting to approve the ballot language and approve the final list of projects.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 1:10pm motion by Commissioner Keller, and seconded by Commissioner Allan.

Jason Arenz
President, Board of Park Commissioner

Cole Higlin
Clerk, Mandan Park District