

Mandan Park District
Board Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2015

The Board of Park Commissioners duly met in regular session on Wednesday, September 9th, 2015 at Ed "Bosch" Froehlich Meeting Room. Those present were President Arenz, Vice President Knoll, Commissioner McPherson, Commissioner Allan and Commissioner Hatzenbuhler.

President Arenz called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm, CDT. President Arenz asked for approval of the minutes for August 10th, 2015 regular meeting and August 28th, 2015 special meeting. Motion was made by Vice President Knoll, seconded by Commissioner Allan. Motion passes.

Public Hearing:

Heide Delorme, Accounting Manager presented the 2016 budget for the proposed tax levy of \$2,060,665.00 which is a net zero evaluation increase from 2015. We are recommending a decrease in mills from 35.94 to 31.69. A homeowner with a house valued at \$250,000 with a 14% valuation increase which was the average would have a zero increase in taxes. Total revenue for 2016 would be \$6,000,525.00; 34% of the revenue is property tax collection. Total expense for the general fund is \$6,079,375.00 which is a decrease from last year of \$6.1 million.

President Arenz stated the board of the park commissioners of the city of Mandan ND, Section 1 were hereby appropriated the following sums of money for so much thereof may be necessary for the purpose of paying expenditures parks and recreation district in the city of Mandan for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016

- General fund \$4,415,750
- Park share special assessment \$153,000
- Mandan baseball boosters \$275,350
- Capital improvement \$314,275.
- Raging Rivers Water Park \$744,500.
- Refunding of the improvement bonds of 2009 \$176,500.

Section 2 hereby levied the following sums of money on all taxable property in the city of Mandan ND. For the year 2016 for the purpose of paying expenditures for the parks and recreation district of the city of Mandan ND. The general fund \$1,680,220 Park share special assessment \$55,278. Capital improvement fund \$325,167.

Section 3 repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the ordinances are hereby repealed

Section 4 taking affecting this ordinance shall be in full force in effect from and after its final passage and adoption

Motion was made by president Arenz to approve the second and final budget reading, seconded by Vice President Knoll. Motion passes.

Unfinished Business:

1) President Arenz reported that Ordinance 1047, an ordinance to regulate the usage of fireworks. The Mandan park district has determined that it is the best interest and for the health and safety of the public and users of park property that the use of fireworks on park property shall be prohibited except as set out in this ordinance. The definition of fireworks shall be as defined and listed in ND century code 23-15-01 as currently in effect as need be mended Restriction on use it shall be unlawful for any person to explode or discharge any fireworks on any rural property owned by the Mandan park district within the city limits of Mandan of ND . Exception a professional fireworks display may allowed on rural property owned by the Mandan park district within the city limits of Mandan ND. If such display is permitted as required by ND century code 23-15-03 as currently in effect or as may be amended and if such display is approved by the Mandan park district board of commissioners. Penalty, any person violating this ordinance shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor. Motion made by president Arenz, seconded by Commissioner McPherson. Motion passes.

2) Director Higlin introduced Bill Bauman with the YMCA to present the Family Wellness site plan. Majority of the design and development is completed. 50,000 square foot, 12 million dollar project. Bill Bowman introduced the Engineering and architect team, Brad ? from KLJ Engineering and Brett ? and Jim Tyler from EATC Architects. Brad from KLJ displayed a map showing the boundaries, 128 parking stalls. Entrance to the facility is off of 46th Ave, adjacent to Raging Rivers. He showed the intended flow of traffic and parking. Addressed utilities. Mandan Park District owns and operates an existing lift station that the Sanford YMCA and wellness center will tie into. Storm sewer system will tie into an existing drain tile system with will train to the pond.

Director Higlin, question attorney Ruff regarding the usage of the lift station by Sanford YMCA if amending the lease agreement is needed in regards to the expense with the increase of usage. City of Mandan currently pumps it out and maintains it but it is a private lift station. Attorney ruff stated that they will have to look into it and grant a usage agreement, part of the lease easement to take that into account. As of now EAPC has not done a study for the capacity of the lift station but are trying to locate the original plans. President Arenz asked Bill Bauman when the dirt work for the Sanford YMCA will begin. He stated that the design and development phase is taking longer than expected. Architects stated they would start in the fall with the dirt work, footings and foundation into ground so they can work throughout the winter. Completion should be done end of 2016. Motion was made by Vice president Knoll to approve the site plan as presented, Seconded by Commissioner Allan. Motion passes.

New Business

1) Kelly Churchill, Marketing, reported that Slide the City was on August 29th from 10am to 7pm. The planning started when the event was approved in February. There is a lot of preparation for the event.

Set up began at 4am and ended around 11pm. We had the University of Mary wrestling team to help set up and take down. They stayed the entire day. There is 4inch padding that took the majority of set up time along with 8 different sets of slides that weighed anywhere from 600 to 900lbs so the university of Mary wrestling team was a huge help. Many volunteers, which goes back to that it is a huge community event. Dakota riders were there for onsite security that was definitely needed for the long lines. Boy scouts were there all day long collecting trash. Saturday in the park which is a church organization was there with 5 inflatables set up for the kids and adults that were waterproof. iheart radio was there for the musical entertainment and vendors with food and craft. The line was long with 2,960 pre-registrations, about 200 onsite registrations and about 1,000 spectators, so roughly around 4,000 people. Metro Ambulance said there were minor accidents so nothing big to report. The event raised about \$5,000 that went to the Universal Playground. We are working with Slide the City to bring it back in 2016.

2) Mike Zerr, Park Superintendent, requested approval for \$25,000 for renovation of irrigation system at Eagles Park to get it done this year. Stated goal is to hydro seed. If Renner can't get in there, mike will hydro seed so the dirt stays in one spot in the winter. Commissioner Allan will make a recommendation to approve and award for Renner sprinkler systems and additional black dirt not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by President Arenz, Motion Passes

3) Commissioner Allan addressed the Commissioners salary and benefit package and recommended to fellow commissioners to table the discussion and bring it up again sometime next year.

Heidi Delorme, Accounting Manager stated that we received two additional contributions for Universal Playground which exceeds our \$500,000 goal.

Mike Zerr, Park Superintendent stated Eagle's Park is almost completed. September 21st is when we start up the compressors to have ice by the second week in October.

Dave Frueh, Recreation Manager stated Hockey starts October 12th. Stated there are 26 teams in Kickball.

Brad Olson, Golf Operations Manager states they have been very busy

Authorize payments of monthly bills: A motion by President Arenz, Seconded by Vice President Knoll. Motion passes.