

**Mandan Park District**

**Retreat**

**Board Minutes**

**November 8, 2016**

The Board of Park Commissioners duly met in special session on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at Park District Administrative offices. Those present were President Jason Arenz, Vice President Wanda Knoll, Commissioner's Ann McPherson, Chad Hatzenbuhler, and Wade Meschke, Director Cole Higlin, Accounting Manager Heide Delorme,

President Arenz called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, CDT. President Arenz reminded Commissioners that is a retreat that no action can be taken on topics discussed tonight. All items will need to come before the board at our next regular board meeting.

Director Higlin provided an overview of the Starion Sports Complex on the status of the construction budget and timeline.

Director Higlin updated the board on the last public hearing on the All Seasons Arena renovation that was held on October 26 public hearing. Park Commissioners supports the ASA renovation estimated at \$1.2 million and contributing 50% of the cost contingent on the School District contributing 50%.

Discussion was held on the Starion Sports Complex locker room needs. During design phase, locker rooms for the hockey arena were designed for both football and hockey. During design, School District staff and coaches requested that they relocate their locker room from Faris Field. Research and cost estimates that it roughly the same price to construct a new locker room. Park Commissioner stated their support to construct a locker room not to exceed \$600,000 contingent on the School District contributing 50% of construction cost to the All Seasons Arena. This project will not proceed until a signed contract is completed. It was agreed upon that contingency dollars will be used first before general fund dollars.

Discussion on Faris Field and making sure the entire area is planned correctly the board felt a master plan of the area is needed. With the need to renovate the south tennis courts, Faris Field, Park Maintenance needs, parking lots, roads rehabilitated, storm water, and Memorial Ballpark Improvements should all be part of the master plan. That would require us to hold off on Memorial Ballpark improvements until the master plan is completed. The Park Board requested Director Higlin to discuss with KLJ about when a timeline of the plan could be completed. The goal would have the master plan completed by April 1, 2017 to provide better direction on allocating funds.

A motion to adjourn by Commissioner McPherson and seconded by Vice President Knoll, at 8:10pm CDT. Motion passes 5-0.

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Jason Arenz  
President, Board of Park Commissioners

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Cole Higlin  
Clerk, Mandan Park District