

PARK BOARD MEETING
July 28, 2017

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a Regular Meeting at 8:15 am, Friday, July 28, 2017 at the West River Community Center.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Scott Kovash, Howard Sharpe, Tim Daniel, Scott Karsky, and KC Homiston. Also present were Grounds Maintenance Manager Scott Mack, Facility Operations Manager Matt Mack, Facility Maintenance Manager X Dukart, Recreation/Facilities Manager Ryan Nelson, Marketing/HR Manager Amber Mathieson, Attorney Randall Sickler and Clerk Leah Hoenke.

Patterson Lake Update – Facility Operations Manager Matt Mack handed out an update on the blue green algae at Patterson Lake and compared results from last year. The results show the beach area has consistently tested over the recreation threshold of blue green algae. This year we took sample in July, came back at 1.41 at Game and Fish boat ramp; beach results were 38.29. He said the water was clear but still came back with high results. He said the results can change from week to week; He will do another sample in August. He stated, as of right now, we have an advisory posted at lake and said the State controls whether that changes from an advisory to a warning. Director Kramer thanked Manager Mack for keeping an eye on this; he said no one is stepping up and taking charge of this and it really isn't Matt's job to do this. Director Kramer reported that Patterson Lake Task Force continues to meet; for last 2 ½ years we are not any further than we are today. He said they have switched gears on way they can improve Patterson Lake and are focusing more on beach area, ways to improve quality of beach. He said the latest is to explore option of building a berm to have two separate bodies of water; the water would be treated to avoid algae issues. He will continue to work with them, he believes it is a neat concept. Lastly, Director Kramer reviewed the cabin land, the first committee hearing was passed, now it will go through floor of Senate and then on to the House. House would vote and then ultimately it goes to the President's desk. We are hoping to have done this year. Right now there is not federal opposition to the transfer. Discussion followed. Director Kramer said the Bureau of Reclamation and Core of Engineers would have total say in a possible berm project at the beach. Discussion followed.

New/Old Business – Director Kramer added that Veterans Pavilion started construction—they are going in right direction, but are not going to meet the November 11 deadline. Project will be complete closer to middle to end of December. They are hoping to push along to get rental income before end of year. Grounds Maintenance Manager Scott Mack updated the Board on Fairway 5. He said Sam is cutting at 1 ¾ with delineated fairway. They may open for Club Championship this weekend. For sure, plan is to have it open the Monday before API Golf Tournament. Hoping to have 1 ½ to 1 ¼ inches by then. He also reported that while it is still hot we will let it grow longer and hopefully by next spring will be able to cut shorter. He said there are more chemical treatments throughout the fall. President Scott Kovash thinks it is a good plan and we should be patient, he's had people tell him we should leave it closed until next spring. Recreation/Facilities Manager Ryan Nelson updated the Board on upcoming American Legion Central Plains Tournament. He said National Tournament Director Paul Iverson will be here next week. Director Kramer said normally the State tournaments are earlier, this year most tournaments are this weekend with Minnesota only finishing on Monday. Teams check-in in Dickinson on Tuesday.

Commissioner Howard Sharpe Recognition – Director James Kramer thanked Howard Sharpe for all his years of service. He said Howard was very instrumental in all of our community projects, he was a great advocate for staff and was extremely supportive of efforts to advance employee salaries and benefits. Director Kramer said on behalf of all of the staff we want to say thank you to Howard. President Scott Kovash said he has served a lot of years with Howard and when he leaves he leaves with a lot of experience. He presented Howard with a lifetime gift certificate and a plaque of recognition for his 17 years of service to Dickinson Parks and Recreation. Howard spoke and said it has been a lot of fun over the years, and it is time for a new chapter.

Adjournment – MOTIONED BY: Scott Karsky; SECONDED BY: KC Homiston to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 am. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Clerk

President