

PARK BOARD MEETING
September 29, 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, September 29, 2017 at the West River Community Center.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Scott Kovash, Scott Karsky, Tim Daniel, Carol Herauf. Also present were Director James Kramer, Grounds Maintenance Manager Scott Mack, Facility Operations Manager Matt Mack, Facility Maintenance Manager X Dukart, Recreation/Facilities Manager Ryan Nelson, Attorney Randall Sickler and Clerk Leah Hoenke. Commissioner KC Homiston was absent

City of Dickinson - Renaissance Zone Presentation - Walter Hadley/Steven Josephson

Walter Hadley, City of Dickinson Planner introduced Steve Josephson, Stark County Planner who manages the Renaissance Program for the City. Mr. Hadley said they are going to different taxing agencies to explain how taxes affect your new development. Mr. Josephson said the property's assessed value is frozen for five years on new development. He talked about this being a State program with over 50 cities in North Dakota who belong to Renaissance Zone program which helps to give facelifts to downtown areas. He said the idea is to encourage development and redevelop of older portions of the City. He explained they are working closely with City Planning/Zoning Commission with a proposal to expand to the west along West Villard and take in 5 blocks to the south of Dickinson State University, allowing some small businesses to serve the campus. He stated if you have a commercial structure and want to improve it, improvements are 50% of assessed value, allows for vacant lots to be improved, single family residences is 20% of assessed value. He went on to say that in an effort to help revitalize downtown, the City has worked with parks and recreation to redo Downtown Park, and other plans are a downtown square, improving parking facilities and encouraging developers to provide additional parking. Mr. Josephson said this has been through a public hearing from Planning/Zoning Commissioner and they are notifying us as a taxing entity and seeking support. Director James Kramer commented that it never decreases what our tax collections would be, but pushes new growth out 5 years. He asked how individual applications are handled. Mr. Josephson said that parks and recreation is not involved in new applications, it is done through the Planning/Zoning Commission. Discussion followed. Park Board Commissioner Scott Karsky who sits on the Planning/Zoning Commission said we did get a letter from university president Dr. Mitzel and received support from Dickinson State University. Mr. Walter Hadley said we also received support from other taxing entities. Park Board President Scott Kovash said he thinks it is a great thing to improve the area and he said the consensus from our Board is that we support. Director Kramer said he will draft a letter of support and send to Mr. Hadley. Discussion followed.

2018 Budget (Attachment #1) – Director James Kramer said we will need approval of the Certificate of Levy and Resolution of Levy for the 2018 Budget.

MOTIONED BY: Scott Karsky; SECONDED BY: Tim Daniel to approve Certificate of Levy. Vote was: Ayes-4; Nays-0; Absent-1 (Homiston). Motion carried.

MOTIONED BY: Carol Herauf; SECONDED BY: Scott Karsky to approve Resolution of Levy. Vote was: Ayes-4; Nays-0; Absent-1 (Homiston). Motion carried.

HRGC Cart Fleet Lease (Attachment #2) – Director Kramer reviewed the legal notification to go out to bid for 50 golf carts, need approval from Board to start bid process. MOTIONED BY: Tim Daniel; SECONDED BY: Carol Herauf to approve the HRGC Cart Fleet public bid process. Vote was: Ayes-4; Nays-0; Absent-1 (Homiston). Motion carried.

Hockey Agreements (Attachments #3-4-5) –

Recreation/Facilities Manager Ryan Nelson reviewed the Dickinson Hockey Club use agreement for West River Ice Center. He said the fees have increased to \$61 from \$58 and reviewed changed term of usage; included June to November ice and dry land hours June-November; added dry land rental at \$20/hour. MOTIONED BY: Scott Karsky; SECONDED BY: Tim Daniel to approve the Dickinson Hockey Club Use Agreement. Vote was: Ayes-4; Nays-0; Absent-1 (Homiston). Motion carried.

Manager Ryan Nelson reviewed the Adult Hockey Use Agreement. He said the agreement is for the period of September 29 to March 18 and their fee also increased to \$61/hour.

MOTIONED BY: Tim Daniel; SECONDED BY: Carol Herauf to approve the Dickinson Adult Hockey League Use Agreement. Vote was: Ayes-4; Nays-0; Absent-1 (Homiston). Motion carried.

Manager Ryan Nelson reviewed the Hockey Concessions Lease Agreement – He said the agreement is for a period of September 29 to March 18. No other changes were made.

MOTIONED BY: Scott Karsky; SECONDED BY: Carol Herauf. Vote was: Ayes-4; Nays-0; Absent-1 (Homiston). Motion carried.

New/Old Business – Director James Kramer gave an update on the United Way’s Born Learning Trail project. He said we have reviewed other areas but came back to the location of Rocky Butte Park. He said we will continue to move forward and use the existing trail at Rocky Butte for the Born Learning Trail.

Adjournment – MOTIONED BY: Carol Herauf; SECONDED BY: Scott Karsky to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 am. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Clerk

President