

**PARK BOARD MEETING**  
**April 27, 2018**

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a Roundtable Meeting at 8:15 am, Friday, April 27, 2018 at the West River Community Center.

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

New Employee Introduction – Sara Turner was present and said we hired Tim Roller as Parks Maintenance Specialist.

Barons Vista Development – Shawn Soehren (Attachment #1) – Director James Kramer said this is preliminary plat information from Shawn Soehren, with Boundary Engineering on the Barons Vista Development. Mr. Soehren was present and said this was approved August 2015 from Planning/Zoning but was pulled off the table and are now wanting to revisit the process. Because it has been so long the city wants them to go through the entire process again to move forward. He said the Park District is a key component because of park land dedicated as open space/park land/trail system. The developer is looking at Phase 1, access to the east with Fairway Street connecting to the business loop and to the south on the road that goes past the county shop connecting to Highway 10. Mr. Soehren said nothing has changed from what was originally proposed and approved, but are looking for any comments the Park District may have before taking it to City. Challenges are with another developer for access. Director Kramer asked about the public space that is part of our land and the rest is trail connection opportunities, he asked what the other portion was. Shawn said it was a waterway, storm drain off. President Scott Kovash asked if this was annexed or not. Mr. Soehren said this is not annexed but the expectation is that it will be annexed. Director Kramer said we should go through the process again, it has been 3 years, and he will do research and see where we left it in 2015. Director Kramer James said he remembers past discussions on Fairway Street by Sanford has the new sidewalk, a trail connection built into it and with the total of 32 acres is a good piece of land for future development, soccer fields, etc. He stated he doesn't envision their being a change in our position. Discussion followed on if a sports field complex was even an option, needs to be a good developed piece of land. President Scott Kovash said that is one of our needs but this property may not fit the need for that. He said we will work with the developer and make a decision on how to move forward.

City Sidewalk Infill Plan (Attachment #2) – Director Kramer reviewed the handout that they received at the last City Planning meeting, with himself and Commissioner Scott Karsky addressing sidewalks within the city on private and public property. He thinks that he and Commissioner Karsky agree that if the city and public are going to buy into this we need to step up and be a leader in the process and plan accordingly. He said this is informational today but will revisit at the next meeting. He mentioned that park impact fees are meant for projects like this and that they could also explore looking at capital betterment. President Scott Kovash said the dollar amount is fairly low and he thinks the public would be thrilled if we added more sidewalks. Director Kramer said we would work with the city to prioritize the sidewalk list and pay the city, who will work then with contractor.

New/Old Business – Director Kramer updated the Board on positions. He said the Director of Building/Grounds position is extended until next Friday. He said we received resignation from Teri Bjork who is leaving in mid-May and we will start process of opening the position. Director Kramer also reported on the Veterans Pavilion, outside work is being completed by Memorial Day. Each of the managers gave a short update on their projects but no other business was presented.

Adjourn – MOTIONED BY: Scott Karsky; SECONDED BY: Tim Daniel to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 am. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Clerk

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President