

PARK BOARD MEETING
June 28, 2019

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a Regular Meeting at 8:15 am, Friday, June 28, 2019 at the West River Community Center.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Scott Kovash, Tim Daniel, Brad Fong and KC Homiston. Also present were Executive Director James Kramer, Director of Recreation/Facilities Matt Mack, Director of Buildings/Grounds Craig Pearson, Attorney Randall Sickler and Clerk Leah Hoenke. Commissioner Scott Karsky was absent.

WRCC Fitness Equipment Financing (Attachment #1) – Executive Director James Kramer said at the last meeting the bid process was approved for new fitness equipment and today is the financing proposal which is a municipal lease purchase, \$200,000 for 5 years.

MOTIONED BY: Brad Fong; SECONDED BY: Tim Daniel to approve the request for financing for a municipal lease. Roll call vote: Ayes-4; Nays-0; Absent-1.

Private Cart Policy Discussion – Director Kramer handed out a map of the course and said the last couple of years we’ve had several request for private gates out of residences on the golf course. He said the map shows four x’s circled which are the four access points that we allow private access from. He said we also have a private cart storage that we have about 50 carts stored and anyone outside of the storage units pays an annual trail fee to use their own cart. He said the question is, do we want to continue with the private cart route versus our public cart fleet. Commissioner KC Homiston said it’s a big reason he likes playing out there, that he can use his own cart. Commissioner Tim Daniel said he could see a potential uproar if we stop allowing private cart storage. He said he thinks we need to add more private cart storage units. Director Kramer said private cart storage generates less revenue than rentals, he reviewed the numbers. Commissioner Daniel said we may get more people to purchase memberships which generates more money in green fees and season passes if we allow more private cart storage and said he knows more people who would switch to our course if they could store their carts. Director of Recreation/Facilities Matt Mack said the private cart storage is full and there are three people on a waiting list. Director Kramer then asked what the opinion is on private access to the course from private gates. Park Board President Scott Kovash said as far as the gate goes, he doesn’t have a problem but we need to make sure the gates are locked once the course is closed to make sure no one has access when the course not open. Commissioner KC Homiston commented that when you look at other courses in North Dakota there are no fences. He agrees he thinks private owners wouldn’t have a problem having them locked but the norm is that most courses don’t have fences blocking them out. Commissioner Brad Fong commented and said it would be a nice perk if you live on the course to have private access and said we could try for a period of time and change if it’s not working. He also said the private cart owners should have a sticker on their cart to indicate they paid the annual trail fee; Commissioner Tim Daniel agreed. Director Kramer said there is a homeowner that allows usage from his gate off Palm Beach road but we don’t own property off Palm Beach Road. He reviewed the gates we have. President Scott Kovash said we should come up with a policy and treat everyone the same. Commissioner Fong said he thinks we should own the gates so we have control on when the gates are closed. Director Kramer said we could word in the usage agreement on when they could access the property. Attorney Randy Sickler said you could make stipulations through the agreement. Discussion followed. Commissioner KC Homiston said he doesn’t think there will be an issue with the owners now, just keep it simple, create a policy but we don’t need to overcomplicate it. He said we want to be a promoter of the golf course and Green 19; if we put too many restrictions on it we could lose people to another course. Director Kramer said the staff would work on creating a policy and bring to the next meeting.

New/Old Business – Director Kramer updated the Board on Patterson Lake and said what costs we incur, once it goes through we could put a time clock on the land sale to recoup our costs before we sell the property. He said the next step is another joint meeting with Senator Hoeven’s office and Stutsman County to make sure everyone is on the same page. He said both groups have agreed to that process of fees being placed on individuals who are benefiting; we just need to check the language and make sure there is some variance on timeline. He said we have to do what we need to in order to recoup costs and not subsidize on the citizens of Dickinson.

Adjournment – MOTIONED BY: Tim Daniel; SECONDED BY: Brad Fong to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 am. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Clerk

President