

PARK BOARD MEETING
July 8, 2019

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a Regular Meeting at 4:00 pm, Monday, July 8, 2019 at the West River Community Center.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTIONED BY: Tim Daniel; SECONDED BY: Brad Fong to approve the June 10 and June 28 meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-4; Nays-0; Absent-1 (Homiston). Motion carried.

CLAIMS: MOTIONED BY: Scott Karsky; SECONDED BY: Tim Daniel to approve June Claims in the amount of \$818,073.75. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-4; Nays-0; Absent-1 (Homiston). Motion carried.

Buildings/Grounds

Director of Buildings/Grounds Report (Craig Pearson) – Director of Buildings/Grounds Craig Pearson reported on facilities; he said the crew is setting up panels at the ice center to start making ice next week. He said they will be ready for curling lines and finish the ice by the 22nd when hockey camp starts. Director Pearson then reported on parks and said the staff has been working on trailhead markers for the Crooked Crane Trail, which has approximately 40 trail markers. Staff is also busy with preparing baseball complexes for 3 upcoming tournaments and keeping up with mowing and maintenance at the parks. He reported on the golf course grounds; staff has started working with tree trimmers to remove dead trees, start with small stuff that we can remove ourselves and the larger trees this fall. He updated the Board on work on fairway 5, along with sod work on 16 and 12 to take care of bad spots. He also said there has been an extensive fungicide spray on course as a preventative measure to help with the humid weather. Discussion followed on the process of tree removal and grinding of trees for mulch. President Scott Kovash asked how the kayak launch is going. Director of Recreation/Facilities Matt Mack said it is being heavily used. Director Pearson said there seems to be a strong interest for another dock at Jaycee Park.

Recreation/Facilities

Private Cart Policy Draft (Attachment #1) – Executive Director James Kramer gave an update. He said the intent was to have a document ready but as we review our current policy and fees, he would like to implement a new policy for next season.

Director of Recreation/Facilities Report (Matt Mack) – Director of Recreation/Facilities Matt Mack reported having a lot of events and tournaments going on this month. He reported on membership numbers at WRCC for month of June; 6953 members with the majority being annuals which has increased 200 from last summer at this point. He said the Swim with the Big Sticks event will be held on July 18, which is also our free day here at WRCC; Swim under the Stars will be held July 26-27 which is a hugely popular event sponsored by Midco. He then reported on Patterson Lake saying they are seeing increased usage in camping and day fees, along with the State Geo Caching event held at Patterson Lake. He said the Patterson Lake Beach Party will be July 11 which is a free event to the public. Director Mack reported on golf course season passes, 519 season passes sold this year. He said the Club Championship will be held at the end of month. He also reported on youth programs saying that t-ball starts today, enrollment up by about 30-40 kids from last year. The 3rd session of play park is starting, along with swim lessons and golf. He said the 9 yr old State Cal Ripken Tournament is this weekend along with Miller Lite Softball this weekend and the 10 yr old Midwest Plains Regional Tournament will be held July 17-21.

Business/Finance

Approval of Pledge Securities (Attachment #2) – MOTIONED BY: Scott Karsky; SECONDED BY: Brad Fong to approve the pledged securities. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-4; Nays-0; Absent-1 (Homiston). Motion carried.

Financial Statement (Attachment #3) – Director Kramer said he will be doing a quarterly update at the end of month roundtable meeting.

2020 Budget Update (Attachment #4) – Director Kramer said the Budget Committee will begin meeting this week to get things rolling again. He said the mill value has dropped but we levy dollars not mills. He is waiting on new growth numbers from City and then will be able to hit the ground running and have preliminary budget ready for end of July.

Executive Director Report (James Kramer) – Director Kramer thanked the staff for a busy time of year, from office staff to maintenance staff everything looked great for 4th of July. He said everyone is doing a great job. President Kovash asked about the new bathroom locks at Rocky Butte Park. Director of Buildings/Grounds Craig Pearson said the jury is still out but he thinks it is the way to go. Commissioner Brad Fong commented that everything looks really well around the parks and facilities and he hasn't heard any negative feedback.

Legal Counsel Report – Attorney Randall Sickler nothing to report.

Adjournment – MOTIONED BY: Brad Fong; SECONDED BY: Scott Karsky to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 pm. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Clerk

President