

**PARK BOARD MEETING**  
**August 9, 2019**

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a Special Meeting at 8:15 am, Friday, August 9, 2019 at the West River Community Center.

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

2020 Preliminary Budget – Executive Director James Kramer stated that the preliminary budget deadline is August 10 and they will turn in to Stark County today. He reviewed the Notice of Preliminary Budget and will hold a public hearing at the conclusion of Park Board meeting on Monday, September 9 at 4:45 pm. He reviewed the budget and said for the most part we kept it extremely lean and similar to last year. He went over the levied categories, Parks and Recreation General Fund, West River Community Center and Park Special Levies. He reviewed each of the line items that make up the total to be levied amount of \$2,085,850. Director Kramer said we cannot go over the total levied amount approved today but can move money around if needed. He stated that he will continue to bring components to the full Board instead of just Budget Committee. He said we are going to have to dig into health care costs and review new possible plans along with future increases for employees. He said health care costs have been going up \$53,000 for a few years now and that has been difficult to budget; need to review options. He then reviewed home assessments, saying there was an increase of \$4.72 per \$100,000 on each home assessment. President Scott Kovash said we are going to have to look at health care and look at ways to decrease those costs. He said one of the reasons we have employees we have is the benefits we provide but he feels we need to look at ways to save. He said he thought it was necessary for staff to make some sacrifices as well and so that’s why employees will see a 2% raise. President Kovash said they also removed the flex compensation that employees have been receiving. He said this is a preliminary budget and if something comes up, the budget can be changed and lowered, it just cannot be raised. He also said he thinks it is a good idea to involve the whole Board in the rest of budget process. Director Kramer said we will do a full presentation on the budget for the public hearing. MOTIONED BY: Brad Fong; SECONDED BY: Scott Karsky to approve the 2020 Notice of Preliminary Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent-2 (Daniel/Homiston). Motion carried.

Adjournment – MOTIONED BY: Scott Karsky SECONDED BY: Brad Fong to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 am. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Clerk

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President