

PARK BOARD MEETING
February 28, 2020

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a Roundtable Meeting at 8:15 am, Friday, February 28, 2020 at the West River Community Center.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Scott Kovash, Tim Daniel, Scott Karsky, KC Homiston 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.

WRCC Surplus Equipment (Attachment #1) – Executive Director James Kramer reviewed the surplus equipment for the community center fitness equipment. He said we will need to declare all property as surplus property. MOTIONED BY: Brad Fong; SECONDED BY: KC Homiston to declare the WRCC fitness equipment as surplus property. Roll call vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Absent-0. Motion carried.

Patterson Lake Lot #36 Transfer (Attachment #2) – Director Kramer reviewed a transfer request – Director Kramer reviewed a transfer request for Patterson Lake Lot 36; he said we have transfer letter and transfer fee has been paid. MOTIONED BY: Scott Karsky; SECONDED BY: Tim Daniel to approve the transfer of Lot 36 from Matthew and Nuhli Wokosin to Jeffrey and Heidi Meduna. Roll call vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Absent-0. Motion carried.

Land & Water Grant Requirements – Director Kramer said at the last meeting Sarah Carlson from the Friendship Park Committee to request that we apply for this Land & Water Grant. He said a motion will need to be made showing we are the sponsor and are in support of the grant. He reviewed the funds for the project and said the City of Dickinson has committed \$250,000 and the Park District has committed \$200,000. He said the grant is a 50/50 match of \$450,000. Director Kramer stated that once we submit the grant, we will begin process of RFP for engineering services. MOTIONED BY: Tim Daniel; SECONDED BY: Scott Karsky to authorize the Park District to apply for the Land & Water Grant. Roll call vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Absent-0. Motion carried.

Project Overview Presentation – Director Kramer said that he asked Director of Buildings/Grounds Craig Pearson to give a projects overview. Director Craig Pearson reviewed the immediate list of projects they want to accomplish and where the project funds come out of the budget. He reviewed the Crooked Crane Trail project, Friendship Park, Police/Fire park, Kiwanis Park, kayak launch sites, disc golf course upgrades, skate park access road, tree plan, weed plan, contracted labor, drainage and maintenance issues at Heart River Golf Course, tennis court resurfacing, park signage and replacement. He also reviewed a high priority list of projects including a splash park, another dog park, playground renovation plan, irrigation replacement plan at the ballpark and Gress Complex, bleacher replacement at the ice center, ballpark seats, ice compressor overhaul at ice center, indoor pool renovation, trail master plan updates, golf maintenance shop, leisure pool windows and netting updates at the ice center. Director Pearson then reviewed the long range plans which include a dehumidification in old ice rink, additional ice/curling rink, ballpark turf replacement, park maintenance shop upgrades on the old shop, as well as the Hole 17 bridge at heart river golf course. He said right now he is working with York Bridges who will be out this spring to advise us on how to move forward; structurally it is fine but ascetically it needs work. He said this project priority list is a good path for us to follow and is ever changing; it is roadmap to prepare us for what is ahead. Commissioner KC Homiston asked on the global level who decides where these dollars get spent. Executive Director Kramer said if there is a general project that we can accommodate using our budgeted dollars, we try and take care of that way, otherwise we move into capital betterment dollars, he said the biggest fund there is the Park/Property/Trail Improvements line item being \$200,000. He also said we have park land impact dollars which is the money we bring in from private developments, and for bigger projects we use City assistance funds, bonding funds, which both require Board action to use. Commissioner Homiston said he always wonders when projects pop up like the new storage building at the veterans pavilion, when/where that project came into play. Director Kramer said that particular project was all money raised by the veterans and we put in man hours. Commissioner Homiston also asked about the #14 drainage problem that has been a problem for a while and he asked what the plan is on that one. Director Craig Pearson said the drainage on that hole is not the issue like they originally thought. He said most of that water on the fairway was caused by an irrigation break that wasn't found. He said this year they are going to do some drainage and hook into drainage that is already there and do some top dressing. Commissioner Homiston asked where the water goes, there is not an

outlet for the water to get out. Director Pearson said the way it sits now there is not a way, but the plan is they can come across that fairway and move that water off and hook into existing draining that goes underneath that berm that goes into the river. He said he wanted to get project done last year but it is not as bad as we originally thought; it was due to a huge irrigation break that wasn't identified. He said since that break has been fixed that fairway has not been as wet as it was before. He also said that after we put the surface drainage in you'll see a huge difference in that fairway and he doesn't want to completely tear it up, that it would be a waste of resources. Park Board President Scott Kovash said he thinks that fairway had improved from the year before and whatever was done made a big difference. Discussion followed. President Kovash also asked when we anticipate the work complete on bridge 17. Director Pearson said they have looked at that at every angle and have been in contact with York Bridges that will take a look this spring and they'll decide on what the answer is. He said he thinks we can do it this fall. President Kovash said he would really like to see that get accomplished. Commissioner Scott Karsky then asked what Commissioner Homiston thought should be done on the drainage issues on 14. Commissioner Homiston said he doesn't agree that the irrigation fix is going to fix all the issues, and that he didn't notice any significant changes last year. He said he can't see that water exiting in that area without doing what was originally proposed. He said his firm surveyed the whole thing and there is no exit for the water; he doesn't have confidence that doing a minimal fix will take care of it. Director Pearson said he doesn't think it is a minimal fix but most of the water is nuisance water and we aren't looking at massive amounts of water. Commissioner Homiston said if you put in a catch basin it can't go anywhere; he explained what was proposed by putting in a holding tank. Director Pearson said he looked at that a lot last year and tried to monitor how bad it was and from the year before he felt it was 100 times better. More discussion followed. Commissioner Homiston said he is offering his help if needed. Director Pearson also commented that it is hard to get things done in house and that is why we are looking at contracted labor to help get things accomplished. More discussion took place. Director Pearson said he is willing to look at every angle to see what the best fix is for the long run. President Scott Kovash asked if we need to worry about run off into the river. Commissioner Homiston said he thinks that is a reach and Director Pearson said he doesn't think we use any problem chemicals that would make a difference. Executive Director Kramer stated that we are trying to make an effort to be more organized and prepared going into the future.

New/Old Business – Executive Director Kramer gave an update on the sports complex and said he has invited that group to come back. He said it has been determined that the university will be the lead for the project and it has been approved at the State level. He said if there is a request to our board it should happen sooner than later. President Scott Kovash asked if we need to look at preparing for anything with the coronavirus, if there is a plan in place if we have to shut down facilities. He said as a Board we are responsible for the budget. He said he doesn't expect answers today but it doesn't hurt to investigate and not be caught flat footed if something happens. He recommended looking into some direction.

Adjournment – MOTIONED BY: Tim Daniel; SECONDED BY: Brad Fong to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 am. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Clerk

President