

**Park Board Special Meeting**  
**April 22, 2024**

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a Special Meeting at 4:00 pm on Monday, April 22, 2024, at the West River Community Center.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Scott Karsky, Tim Daniel, Zach Keller, Nic Stevenson. Also, present were Executive Director Benjamin Rae, Director of Buildings/Grounds Craig Pearson, Director of Recreation/Facilities Caleb Burgard, Clerk Leah Hoenke and special guest Tyler Tucker. Commissioner Jo Marie Kadrmas was absent.

PARK BOARD TOUR – Executive Director Benjamin Rae led the Park Board and staff on a tour of parks and properties throughout the Park District. The first stop was the Community Orchard at approximately 675 12th St W. Director Rae said this location has been identified as our community orchard where we will plant a variety of trees, remove old trees and re-plant new varieties. We have received a tree 50/50 matching grant for this project. The next location was Friendship Park where Director Rae reviewed potential plans for a natural surface trail, additional pavilion, sidewalk connection, extended parking lot and an additional playground. Part of the tree matching grant dollars will be used. The group then went to Hewson Park where discussion was held on baseball backstops and irrigation, and possible future detention basin for the City of Dickinson. Next was the tree nursery off 21st St undeveloped land where we will utilize the tree grant dollars. Director Rae showed Patterson Lake Game and Fish boat ramp parking area where parking improvements have been made. He discussed future trail ideas and showed the Board where the Lakeview Park that is owned by Stark County is located which we will be taking over the maintenance of. The tour moved on to the Patterson Lake Campground then moved to the Stranski/Ash Coulee Crooked Crane Trailheads. Director Rae reviewed the RTP grant, parking lot work, discussion was held on what future enhancements to the land could look like. The group reviewed the Southside boat ramp area where a future campground may be located. The tour continued at the golf course where Director Rae reviewed plans for additional golf cart storage sheds, potentially adding 11 new spots. Then the golf course maintenance building was looked at, showing the progress of revamping the area maintenance areas and future improvements. Director Rae then took the Board to Suncrest Park where discussions were held on relocating the park to a better area in the same part of town. The last location of the tour was the DSU Sandford Sports Complex and the DSU tennis courts. Director Rae reviewed progress on the playground, soccer/softball fields and tennis renovations.

ADJOURNMENT – MOTIONED BY: Nic Stevenson; SECONDED BY: Zach Keller to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Clerk

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President