

**Park Board Meeting  
August 31, 2022**

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a Special Meeting at 4:30 pm, Wednesday, August 31, 2022 at the West River Community Center.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Scott Karsky, Tim Daniel, Jo Marie Kadrmas, Zach Keller and Nic Stevenson. Also present were Executive Director Benjamin Rae, Director of Buildings/Grounds Craig Pearson, Legal Counsel Adam Bothun and Clerk Leah Hoenke.

**Friendship Park Change Orders**

Drain Tile (Attachment #1) - Executive Director Benjamin Rae reviewed the drain tile change order. He said he put together an executive summary explaining the project and that during construction, wet conditions were found on the east side of the playground. He said the staff is recommending the change order as a necessary part of the project. Scott Schneider with APEX Engineering was also present for any questions. Commissioner Jo Marie Kadrmas asked if change orders are common in past projects. Commissioner Tim Daniel said it is normal with other projects. Scott Schneider said the area is always going to be a wet area of the park. He said this will be a good solution for this situation. Commissioner Kadrmas asked the budget committee what is set aside for things like this. Director Benjamin Rae said we are in a good position in the fund, we do have the funds for the change orders we are asking for. Our goal is to be as fiscally responsible as we can and that we are still working with the Friendship Park Committee on fundraising as well, and will utilize that as a primary source of revenue if funds are available. Scott Schneider said we got the number to a dollar amount that he believes to be a fair number. Commissioner Nic Stevenson said it seems like a needed item, it is good that we are planning ahead of time. MOTIONED BY: Zach Keller; SECONDED BY: Nic Stevenson to approve Change Order from Tooz Construction in the amount of \$5,528.25. Roll call vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Absent-0. Motion carried.

Parking Lot (Attachment #2) - Executive Director Benjamin Rae reviewed the executive summary on the parking lot change order for Friendship Park. He said his opinion is to look to the concrete surface for the most long run durability and less maintenance for our staff. Scott Schneider gave a background in the design process based on a recommendation from a geo technical engineer on the site. 30 feet south of the building, the soil is different and very soft where the parking lot is going. He said Tooz Construction gave different options on what we could do, they worked back and forth on prices to come to a fair price. He reviewed the options with option 1 being to construct as bid; option 1a to construct with asphalt as bid plus an additional 2" of underlayment and fabric; option 2 is to construct with concrete with bid underlayment and option 3 to construct with concrete with an additional 2" of underlayment and fabric. Mr. Schneider said the aggregate is being donated by Fisher Industries and he feels like it is a win-win to put in additional aggregate. His recommendation is option 3 but in terms of total dollars we could possibly take off parking stalls. Director Rae said we are already down to 30 stalls and that for the Friendship Park Committee that is a concern of theirs, we don't want people parking out into the neighborhood. Commissioner Tim Daniel asked Tracy Tooz who was also present, if when it comes to snow removal that concrete is less likely to cause damage to concrete as it does for asphalt. Tracy Tooz said there is a high water table and he doesn't think it is going to get any better. The storm sewer acts as a funnel but towards the south end it is horrible; his feeling is that using asphalt would not stand up for a year. This type of park could get used a lot during the winter too and would be much better with concrete. Commissioner Nic Stevenson asked Scott Schneider if his recommendation was option 3. Mr. Schneider said yes. MOTIONED BY: Tim Daniel; SECONDED BY: Zach Keller to accept option 3 for Parking Lot Change Order in the amount of \$37,737.57. Roll call vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Absent-0. Motion carried. Discussion followed on delays and scheduling challenges. Tracy Tooz said it depends on fall for contract b, turf and synthetic turf depends on weather conditions which should be 45 degrees and rising. He said there are also hiccups with playground equipment from suppliers. Director Rae said we aren't immune to supply change issues and we are more likely looking to a spring opening.

New/Old Business - No additional items were discussed.

Adjournment - MOTIONED BY: Jo Marie; SECONDED BY: Nic Stevenson to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Clerk

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President