

**PARK BOARD MEETING**  
**March 9, 2020**

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a Regular Meeting at 4:00 pm, Monday, March 9, 2020 at the West River Community Center.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTIONED BY: KC Homiston; SECONDED BY: Brad Fong to approve the February 10 and February 28 meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent-2 (Daniel/Karsky). Motion carried.

CLAIMS: MOTIONED BY: Brad Fong; SECONDED BY: KC Homiston to approve February Claims in the amount of \$394,703.75. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent-2 (Daniel/Karsky). Motion carried.

**Special Appearances**

4:05 pm – Dickinson Hockey Club – Dallas Kuntz and Chad Groll were present. Dallas Kuntz said they just hosted the State Pee Wee Hockey Tournament and had 22 teams take part. He said the Monday, Wednesday and Friday's cleaning person coming in to clean bathrooms has been huge for them, he thinks it allows the rink workers can concentrate on rink maintenance. Dallas said he puts a lot of pressure on the rink guys but they did a good job this past weekend, he thanked us for bringing the cleaning lady on board. He said there has been nothing but rave reviews about our facility from this past weekend and they hope to get more big tournaments like that. Dallas provided a drawing for a skills specific sports training area. He commented on when he came last time and what the projections were to give us perspective going into the future. Dallas said the true growth of the club is in the 10U and up with the true realization of how big the club is going to get won't be until the Mites graduate high school. Dallas said with the projects, the hockey club is behind the game as far as providing ice time for the players. He said for the youth levels they always have 2 teams on ice. He said if you add up all hours of practice time, 1230 hours for all age levels, for next year they will be adding a full JV team and will add 90 more hours of ice time. The struggle is trying to find 240 hours of ice time for our athletes. He said that brings us to how do we develop our athletes outside of ice time. Commissioner KC Homiston commented that he said the numbers and growth are believable and Commissioner Brad Fong commented that he agrees. Dallas explained that in comparison to Grand Forks they have roughly 770 hockey players from minis to high school, they only have 250 more kids than we have and they are operating out of 8 rinks. He said it is their culture but he feels it is amazing that we can operate on only 2 sheets of ice. He explained that to be creative today, they want to bring back the possible use of the mezzanine space for skills use, off ice time. Dallas said they want to utilize some of those ice hours and replace with off-ice area for skills. He said they did a walk through and they could have a puck shooting room with synthetic ice and they would like to repurpose the old glass for use in that area. He said it would be a regulated workout area for kids, centrally located and would put that space to good use. He went on to explain that it would be a sports specific, strength and injury prevention area and they see it as an opportunity for their athletes to progress and also free up ice time for outside teams. He said they keep circling back to the mezzanine area that is not being utilized right now. Park Board President Scott Kovash asked if this would be successful in the summer and his concern is will there be people who want to use it and he wants it to be available for everybody; he asked Dallas how he would go about that. Dallas said they would schedule times for it to be open use and they would have to regulate and supervise it. Commissioner Brad Fong asked how the cost will be covered. Dallas said the hockey club will cover all costs and all they are asking is for the space. Dallas explained the cost details. He commented that Bismarck's Wachter Rink is comparable to what they are proposing. He talked about different layouts. Dallas said he hopes that the Board will consider and grant permission, this is something they would like to pull the trigger on and have available for this summer. President Scott Kovash said he would like to wait to make the final decision until the end of the month meeting due to two commissioners not being present. Discussion followed on using the 4 ft. glass for this design. President Kovash said it has been mentioned for a third sheet of ice, but he doesn't know what is going to happen and usually are at the mercy of the City for things like that. Dallas said the hockey club is willing to explore avenues at their expense for some ideas; they are looking for a bare bones third sheet. Discussion followed. President Kovash said we will put on the agenda for the roundtable meeting.

## BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

Director of Buildings/Grounds Report (Craig Pearson) – Director Craig Pearson reported and said the ice is out of the Charbonneau Arena as we speak; he said next Wednesday is the car show and in a couple weeks the ice will come out of Cornerstone Arena as well. He said for parks maintenance they are finishing up the storage unit at veterans pavilion this week and baseball will be ramping up if weather holds up they will be concentrating on the fields. He said they are also finishing up the last of the equipment maintenance. Director Pearson said at the golf course they still have a ways to go; still a fair amount of ice and water out there. He said if we can get a few good days we'd be in good shape, he thinks we could get on top side and start major cleanup on it. He reported that they are working on getting our seasonal staff on board. Commissioner KC Homiston asked what the dollar amount of the storage unit was at veterans pavilion. Director Pearson said he's not sure of costs but the veterans paid for materials and Scott Mack's crew did the work on it.

## RECREATION/FACILITIES

Director of Recreation/Facilities Report (Matt Mack) – Matt Mack was absent. Executive Director James Kramer said that membership totals at WRCC is at 7505 members which is an all-time high for memberships with the last record being in 2015. He also said there is a new WRCC Fitness app that is ready and can be downloaded from app store.

## BUSINESS/FINANCE

Approval of Pledged Securities (Attachment #1) – MOTIONED BY: KC Homiston; SECONDED BY: Brad Fong to approve the Pledged Securities. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent-2 (Daniel/Karsky). Motion carried.

February Financial Statement (Attachment #2) – For informational purposes.

Engineering Services RFQ (Attachment #3) – Executive Director James Kramer reviewed the RFQ for Engineering Services. He said he had a lot of discussion with Craig Kubas from the City of Dickinson. He said we are uniquely different from the City and our limitation for contract levels is different than the City. He said after review and advice from Attorney Randy Sickler we decided to put out the RFQ and will follow the century code to get these projects moving forward. He reviewed the projects. Commissioner Brad Fong asked Commissioner KC Homiston if he felt this proposal was appropriate. Commissioner Homiston said he feels that it is and he is good with the process. MOTIONED BY: Brad Fong; SECONDED BY: KC Homiston to approve the RFQ for Engineering Services. Commissioner Homiston asked if we are selecting one firm for all three projects. Director Kramer said on the proposal form it gives the option for a firm to decide on one project or all. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-3; Nays-0; Absent-2 (Daniel/Karsky). Motion carried.

Video Gaming Request – Executive Director James Kramer said we've had two requests for entities for video gaming at the golf course; one from a ND charities organization and the other is our local hockey club. He said we'll do research and having our attorney look into it. He said we are going into it with an open mind but don't feel comfortable that this is a good setting. Commissioner Fong said if Green 19 will allow it, are they willing to give up space. Commissioner Homiston asked if Green 19 has the ability to say yes. Director Kramer said the decision is for the Park Board.

Executive Director Report – Director Kramer had nothing else to come before the Board.

Legal Counsel Report – Attorney Randall Sickler had nothing to report.

Adjournment – MOTIONED BY: Brad Fong; SECONDED BY: KC Homiston to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 pm. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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Clerk

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President