

PARK BOARD MEETING
September 25, 2020

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a Special Meeting at 8:15 am, September 25, 2020 at the West River Community Center.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Scott Kovash, Tim Daniel, Scott Karsky, Zach Keller, Jo Marie Kadrmas. Executive Director James Kramer, Attorney Randy Sickler, Clerk Leah Hoenke.

Badlands Bowl – Executive Director James Kramer invited Rick and Kelly Ried from Badlands Bowl. He thanked them for their hard work and dedication to create a staple in our community for 26 years and said the final game scheduled this past June was cancelled due to COVID-19. He said the Badlands Bowl Committee is meeting today to finalize and close out the game. North Dakota Committee Chairman Rick Reid spoke and said they worked on the Badlands Bowl for 28 years with 26 games. He said Dickinson Parks and Recreation was instrumental in making this game the success it was. He said James and Leah were instrumental in making sure it was successful. Mr. Reid said the Badlands Bowl will be closing out their funds and distributing the money and said in discussions with Director Kramer they found out the Park District will be starting a foundation and they will be donating approximately \$5,000 for the foundation to show their appreciation. Kelly Reid also thanked Leah and James for their work and dedication to the game. President Scott Kovash thanked the Reid brothers for their generous donation as well.

2021 Budget (Attachments #1-2) – Executive Director James Kramer said this is the final step in the budget process. He reviewed the budget totals and said we will need to approve the Certificate of Levy and Resolution for Increased Levies. MOTIONED BY: Jo Marie Kadrmas; SECONDED BY: Tim Daniel to approve the Certificate of Levy for 2021 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Absent-0. Motion carried. MOTIONED BY: Scott Karsky; SECONDED BY: Zach Keller to approve the Resolution for Increased Levies for the 2021 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Absent-0. Motion carried.

Patterson Lake Lot 20 Transfer (Attachment #3) – Director Kramer reviewed transfer request of Patterson Lake Lot 20 from Theodore and Kaylee Garling to David and Diane Anderson. He recommend approval. MOTIONED BY: Tim Daniel; SECONDED BY: Zach Keller to approve the transfer of Lot 20 to David and Diane Anderson. Roll call vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Absent-0. Motion carried.

NDPHIT Confirmation (Attachment #4) – Director Kramer reviewed the Confirmation of Products to be implemented for the NDPHIT. He said in August the Board approved to make the switch from NDPERS to NDPHIT. Currently we are working with 5 vendors for our benefits and now all will be managed by one company. He said this is not increasing any 2021 budgeted costs, just converting into the trust. This confirmation is to accept or decline the NDPHIT products offered. Director Kramer's recommendation is to approve the confirmation of products and forward to NDPHIT to start the enrollment process. MOTIONED BY: Zach Keller; SECONDED BY: Scott Karsky to approve the NDPHIT Confirmation of Products. Roll call vote: Ayes-5; Nays-0; Absent-0. Motion carried.

Pinecrest 2nd Addition (Attachment #5) – Director Kramer reviewed the conceptual layout of Pinecrest 2nd Addition. He said they submit their layout to the City Planning/Zoning and we are one of the entities to present for approval. In this case we would get .9 acres or \$13,000 cash in lieu. Director Kramer explained that this development fell through and so the Park District didn't get the original amount that we were due. He said with this development the area is so small it doesn't give a lot of land for us to work with. We could possibly see if they would be willing to allow 7% of the whole area's acreage. He said in the past, we worked with Roers Development for everything west of this land but we are not in development with Roers for any land or cash in lieu. He stated this land is located north and west of Cornerstone Bank. Director Kramer said this is for informational purposes now and will be on next meeting's agenda with a formal recommendation. Commissioner Jo Marie Kadrmas asked what the typical amount of land is for a park. Director Kramer gave the example of Optimist Park which is 1.9 acres and that would be ideal in this area. He said we would have to discuss the location and will continue to do our research and have discussions with the developer. President Kovash said he thinks because where it is located we should do what we can to get the land; we don't have anything in this area. Discussion followed on location of land.

Golf Cart Bid (Attachment #6) – Director Kramer reviewed the golf cart request for bids. He said we'll need Board approval to go out to bid. We bid the carts on 4 year terms, currently we have one year left but because we are having mechanical issues with the existing fleet we will bid earlier. He said we will publicly bid and will bring before the board after bids are received for approval. He explained that we used to purchase our cart fleet but now leasing because it is easier to budget and helps in minimizing maintenance costs. Commissioner Zach Keller asked if 50 carts was the standard. Director Kramer said it is driven by usage and Golf Pro Mike Rademaker feels comfortable with 50 carts; we have the opportunity to bring in additional for seasonal use as well. MOTIONED BY: Tim Daniel; SECONDED BY: Zach Keller to approve the request for bids for 50 golf carts. Roll call vote: Ayes-5; Nayes-0; Absent-0. Motion carried.

Patterson Lake Land Conveyance – Director Kramer said he wanted the Board to see the draft copy of the Patterson Lake Land Conveyance. This is not the final agreement but gives the Board an opportunity to review. We will have the final available at the October meeting. He explained that this is the formal agreement between the Federal Government to the Park District to convey the Patterson Lake land. From that point it will be our responsibility to adhere to requirements and define cabin sites and Game and Fish land. Attorney Randy Sickler said he is working on the draft and has nothing more to provide today. He said we are getting very close to the final agreement.

New/Old Business – Director Kramer said the next meeting is October 12. Commissioner Jo Marie Kadrmas asked about the MDU easement. Attorney Sickler said we've had one exchange of emails and the 99 year is not a bargaining point in their viewpoint. He said looking at a compromise it would be the 99 years or when they stop using the easement for their transmission line. Commissioner Kadrmas said she looked at the area and it looks like it is right next to the railroad tracks and she said it doesn't look like it would affect any park land. She thanked Randy for looking into it.

Adjournment – MOTIONED BY: Scott Karsky; SECONDED BY: Tim Daniel to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 am. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Clerk

President