

PARK BOARD ROUNDTABLE MEETING
February 26, 2010

Pursuant to due call and order, the Board of Park Commissioners, Dickinson Park District, met for a public roundtable meeting at 8:15 a.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010 at the West River Community Center.

ROLL CALL: Present were Commissioners Mike Lefor, John Gaffaney, Carol Herauf and Scott Kovash. Also present were Director James Kramer, Park Operations Manager Scott Mack, Facility Operations Manager Bob Faulhaber, Recreation/Facilities Manager Ryan Nelson, Attorney Mary Nordsvan and Leah Hoenke, Clerk. Commissioner Kelly Cooper was absent.

Payment in Lieu of Taxes (pilot) Request (Attachment #1) - Director James Kramer reported that he was recently invited to a meeting with the City Commission regarding a request from a local builder for a Pilot payment in lieu of taxes for the construction of low income housing. The request is for a \$5,000 payment in lieu of taxes on 44 units located on 3 sites. He stated that the project was brought forth with the energy impact in mind and also last year's tornado when one low income apartment building was completely destroyed. He said that the City Commission asked for our opinion on the matter, but that the Park Board does not have any say in the final decision made. Director Kramer said that he will keep the Board informed of the final decision.

North Dakota Game and Fish Agreement (Attachment #2) - Director Kramer reviewed a letter received from Fisheries Development Supervisor Bob Frohlich of the ND Game and Fish regarding our request for cost sharing of the Dickinson Dike Boat Ramp. He said that the Game and Fish has approved funding for 75% of the total cost of the project, to a maximum of \$9,000. Director Kramer also stated that the Game and Fish may also cost share in the paving of the Dickinson Dike Parking Lot. He said he recommends approval of the Boat Ramp project. Commissioner Carol Herauf made a motion to approve the cooperative agreement between Dickinson Parks and Recreation and North Dakota Game and Fish for the Dickinson Dike Boat Ramp Reconstruction. Motion duly seconded by Commissioner Scott Kovash. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

New / Old Business - Facilities Operations Manager Bob Faulhaber reported that the ice will be taken out of the Rec Center on Monday, March 15 and Charbonneau Car Center has the facility booked March 18-22 for their annual car show, which kicks off the start of the spring shows at the Rec Center.

Director Kramer reported that Pro Shop Supervisor/Golf Pro Jeremy Davis will begin his season on March 1 at the Pro Shop. Director Kramer also reported that the Gress Complex Lighting is now out to bid and that the fencing at the complex will be completed for the softball season. He also updated the Board on the progress of the Skate Park. He said that we will apply for a Tony Hawk Foundation Grant and that the committee is still trying to finalize the design plans.

President Mike Lefor said that he received a call from resident Jerry Meyer regarding Park District land south of the park maintenance building. President Lefor said that he knows that it is dedicated park land and that the law does not allow us to sell the land. But, he said it is land that we will never have use for. He asked Attorney Mary Nordsvan to research a way we could possibly lease the land to him. Attorney Nordsvan said she will review the statute and let the Board know at the next meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board Commissioner Scott Kovash made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m. Motion duly seconded by Commissioner John Gaffaney. Upon vote, all aye. Motion carried.

PREPARED BY:

APPROVED BY:

Clerk

President